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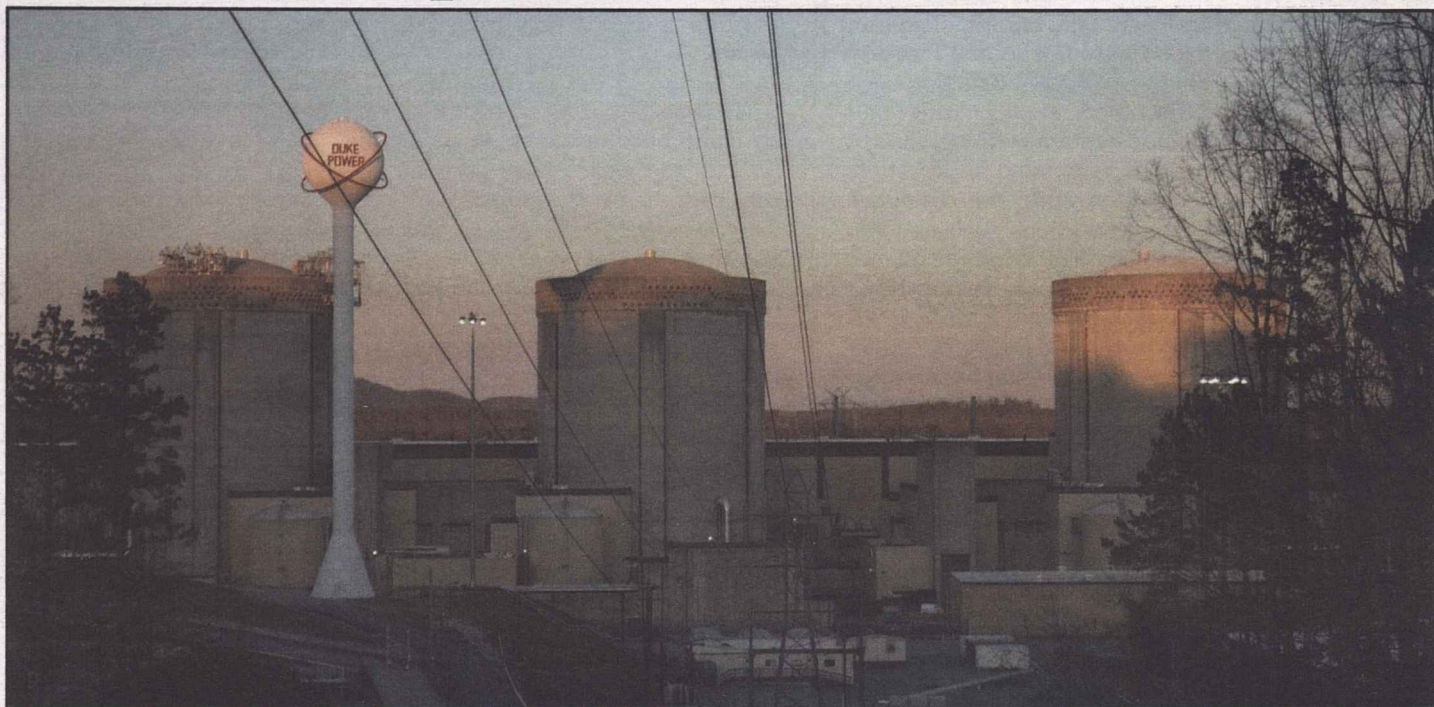
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## Nuclear push increases costs



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**VIEW FROM THE AFTERNOON:** As the new nuclear age dawns in South Carolina, residents consider the costs and benefits of five new nuclear reactors, but question how much the new power will affect their bank accounts.

Carolina energy companies push for participation and change.

**BLAIRE KOBLISKI**  
STAFF WRITER

South Carolina is sitting on the forefront of a new power age. While we are already the owners of the only plutonium plant in the United States, we are about to join a collection of states in the nuclear power push. However, this new dawning of nucle-

ar power has the potential to cause its own nuclear sized reaction when South Carolina residents find out that the state's utility companies are asking residents to help foot the bill.

Over the past 70 years, the average household electricity usage has dramatically increased, forcing monthly bills to go from the average, \$3.28, in 1932 to today's average rate of \$104.58. Many users of electricity accredit this change to the emergence of the "gad-get" age.

Things that make modern living more of a convenience such as lighting, indoor plumbing, computers, phones and household appliances all

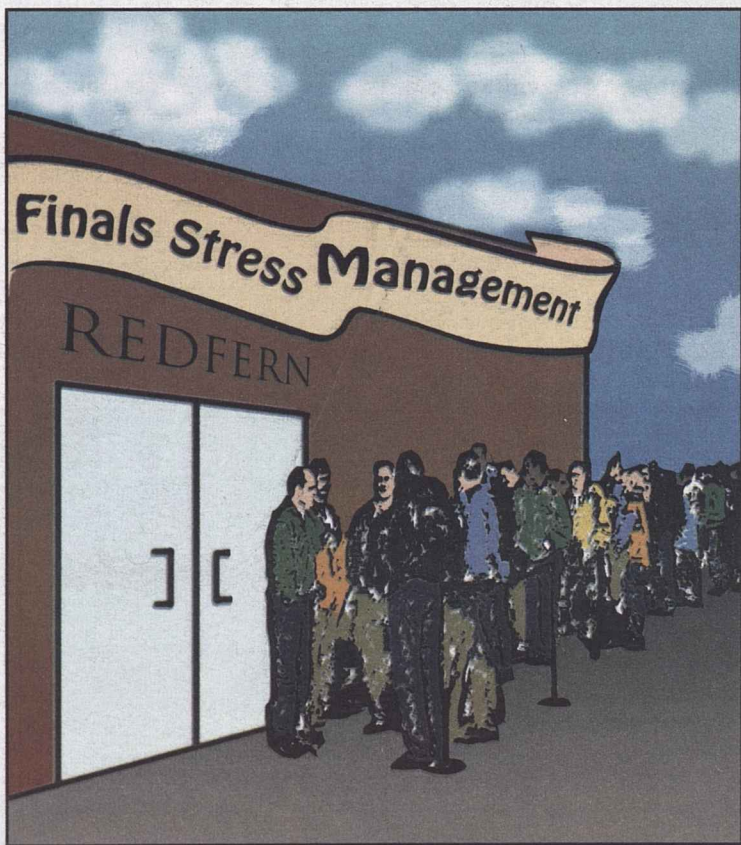
thrive off of electrical energy. But in the next five years, your power bill could increase about 10 percent for a reason none other than your affiliation with an electrical company.

Over the next four years, the state is planning to spend billions of dollars in planning, permits and construction on as many as five new nuclear reactors to be built in the Carolinas.

Under a law that was proposed in the State House a few weeks ago, 10 to 20 percent of the total cost of the endeavor could easily be passed on to ratepayers.

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## Students fight Saturday exams



MEGAN BELL/staff

Student Government hosts "Dead Day forum" to consider alternative exam schedules.

**JENNY MCCALLISTER**  
STAFF WRITER

Last Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2007, students gathered in Sistine Hall for the "Dead Day Forum" to hear about the possibility of no exams on the first Saturday of exam week.

Rick Jarvis, a professor in the mathematical sciences department, presented alternative exam schedules and compared each of them to the current exam schedule.

Katy Bayless, former student body president, came up with the idea to eliminate the first Saturday of exams two to three years ago in order for students to have the entire weekend to study for exams. She approached the faculty senate committee and the chair of the committee, who was in the mathematical sciences department, with the proposal.

Jarvis and Christine Kraft, a graduate student in the mathematical sciences department, exam what the alternative exam schedules would be like when compared to

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## Campus visitor arrested in sexual assault

Overnight guest commits felony in Johnstone dormitory.

**JONATHAN YONGUE**  
STAFF WRITER

A Georgia man was arrested after an incident that occurred in a Clemson University dorm room.

Jason Michael Gregory, 18, of Cumming, Ga., was charged with third-degree criminal sexual conduct after an incident that took place in Johnstone early on Sunday, Feb. 18.

According to Clemson University Chief of Police Johnson Link, the victim was visiting a friend that lived in that room.

"That friend's roommate also had a visitor, who is the suspect in this case, he said. "The victim and suspect did not know each other (prior to the incident)."

In a signed affidavit by Prosecuting Officer Danny Hughey, the victim was "mentally incapacitated and physically helpless from being under the influence of alcohol."

"He had been in her presence while drinking was going on, so he knew she was intoxicated," Link said.

The signed affidavit also mentioned that Gregory even witnessed the victim fall onto the floor.

The two roommates present at the time were also incapacitated to the point of unconsciousness from the consumption of too much alcohol when Gregory allegedly sexually assaulted the victim.

The victim went to the hospital that day, and that afternoon police investigator McAbee was notified to do an initial report of the misconduct and advocate for the victim.

After the arrest warrant was released, Gregory turned himself in, and admitted that he knew the victim was drinking heavily before the incident occurred.

Both Johnstone Main and Annex have regulations in place that prevent the consumption of alcohol in the rooms.

According to Clemson's housing policy, non-resident guests, or anyone who does not live in University housing, who stay overnight, must be registered with the resident assistant or the area desk.

The policy also states that "residents are responsible for the conduct of their guests and must be present for the duration of the visit," and that in the event of any violation, "the hosting resident, as well as the guest, may be subject to disciplinary action."

An incident such as this brings up ques-

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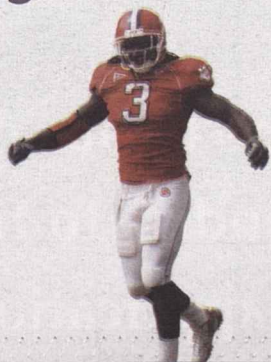


**JASON MICHAEL GREGORY**

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# Music industry cracks down

RIAA pressures universities to punish students.

ISABEL SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

In the fight against piracy, college students seem to be the biggest enemies to the recording industry. In a nationwide effort, the music industry is sending thousands of copyright complaints to universities this school year.

Illegal music downloading has been a problem for many years. The Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) has been tracking down the offenders for quite some time now. They are equipped with increasingly sophisticated technology to track what computer music is being downloaded, what software is being used and who is perpetrating these acts.

So far the RIAA has left it up to the universities to deal with the penalties that the students will face.

Each complaint received from RIAA represents an accusation on a student who has shared at least one song. These complaints are usually e-mails sent to administrators so that they take the next necessary step in disciplining these students. The RIAA are involved in a number of expensive lawsuits with students who made hundreds or thousands of songs available to other students online.

The schools that have received the greatest amount of RIAA complaints are Ohio University, Purdue University, University of Nebraska at Lincoln, University of Tennessee at Knoxville and University of South Carolina. This is part of the group's initiative to pressure schools to act more aggressively about these problems. RIAA officials think that universities need to send a message to the students about how to live a lawful life.

Punishments vary for the offending students. From e-mail warnings to semester-long suspensions to simply cutting off the students' network access, universities are taking charge of these offenders. Some institutions such as Seattle University have taken a different approach. They do not consider this offense to be an illegal one, but a violation of the school's Intellectual Property Policy instead. Sanctions are determined at a hearing and include: written warnings, loss of computers privileges, probation, suspension and even dismissal. Other institutions such as Ohio University treat two-time offenders as they would treat any other student accused of violence or cheating: suspension, probation or an assignment on the subject.

Many students engaging in this activity know to a certain degree that downloading this free music is illegal but they have grown up doing it, and many believe that it is their right to do so. But some students believe that downloading music is wrong. "I think that downloaders should be punished in some form because it is illegal," said Allison Wise, junior. "A proper punishment could be a fine of some sort but not something completely extreme."

Once a university receives these complaints, they must deal with the penalties that students will receive for this offense. Under federal law, universities that receive these complaints must stop repeat offenders or face a lawsuit. Last year, the Clemson University student government sent out an e-mail about providing a free and legal file sharing network for its students. While this initiative is still in the works, it is a step towards stopping illegal file sharing on campus.

## NUCLEAR: Companies pass power rate increase

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This could range anywhere from \$2.5 to \$5 billion dollars that South Carolinians will be forced to pay for.

The money that South Carolinians will be paying will initially go towards paying financing cost on loans that are taken out for engineering permits and construction of the plants.

The power bill raise in electrical rates could be overlooked by some but there is a possibility that the initial 10 to 20 percent raise is just the start.

When the plants are up and running in the year 2016 or later, there is a great possibility that rates will again increase to pay for the construction and design.

Already the three companies that power South Carolina: Duke Power, Progress Energy and SCANA have agreed to pass the rates on to the consumer.

But why are they so ready to risk upsetting their clients by increasing their bills to pay for nuclear power reactors?

They argue that building the plants and paying for the finance cost now would help to ensure cheap and reliable energy for the future. By paying millions of dollars in financing costs now, customers could avoid having to pay for higher interest that would accumulate until the plants become operational in 2016 or later.

SCANA predicts that quicker payment of the financing costs will create a long term 40-year savings of \$8 million dollars which in turn will shave one to two percent off of customers' bills.

Duke Power lights up much of the upstate area and is where most Clemson University students get their power from.

Students who purchase their power from Duke can expect about a 1.5 percent a year increase in power for the next 12 years, from 2009 to 2016.

Duke Power's customers will be fitting a \$125 million bill this year for two reactors that will be built at William Statesley III Nuclear Station.

Kenny Jackson, the director of rates and regulation for the SCANA power company endorses this rate increase. "Customers must remember they are already benefiting from existing power plants paid by

previous generations," Jackson said. SCANA also says that the bill would help firm up support and financing for new power plants, which would make the company more attractive to investors and, in turn, will make power more affordable in the future.

The chief sponsor of this bill is Representative Harry Cato, a republican representing Greenville. Cato says that the bill will save South Carolina residents money and increase the state's power reserve.

He states, "It's a way to entice utilities to build the generation we need and at the same time it builds in some consumer protection."

He also believes that having more plants in South Carolina is important in case of energy shortages; "I don't want to be California where we have rolling blackouts and brownouts."

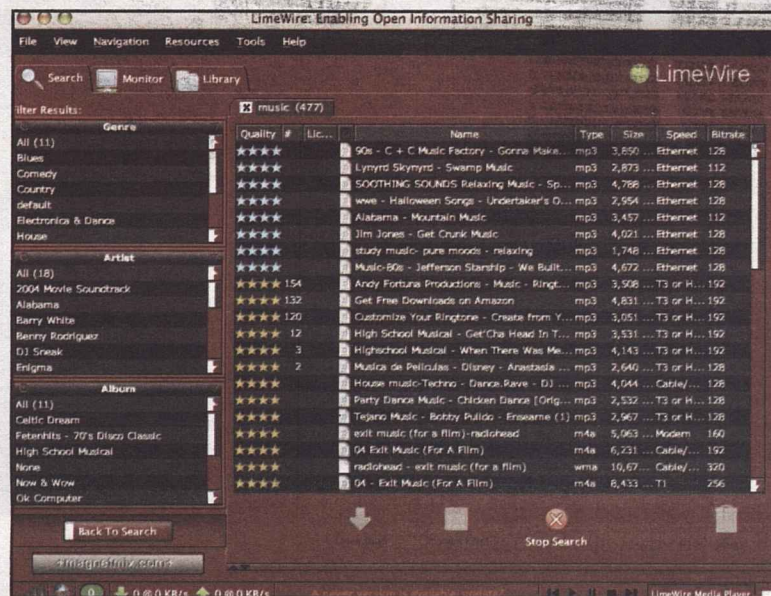
Many local major manufacturers such as Milliken, Michelin and BMW have refused to comment on the proposed increase in power bills, but other members like Cato who support the bill do not expect their silence to last long.

Many large manufacturing plants in the area that are struggling with thin profit margins are already paying hefty power bills, and are not excited about seeing their profit gap grow smaller because they are being asked to pay for nuclear reactors.

"There are a lot of major manufacturers in the Upstate who are concerned about this," Cato said. "They're maybe concerned about paying for future generation they won't be around to enjoy." While the state is working on being able to grant tax credits to appease the roar of major manufacturers, Cato argues that the state needs to encourage the construction of nuclear plants. "The savings are going to be fairly significant," he said. "I think it's worth doing it."

As news is being leaked out of the State House and residents are catching wind of the new plans, there have been a series of mixed reactions.

While some residents are ready and willing to fit the bill for a nuclear future, others are still weary of the money they are going to have to pay upfront for a result they may never see.



MUSIC FOR FREE, AS EASY AS 1-2-3: Programs like LimeWire make illegal downloading common among college students.

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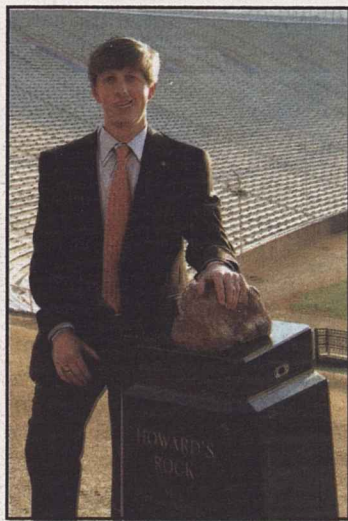


# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

By Jennifer Salane

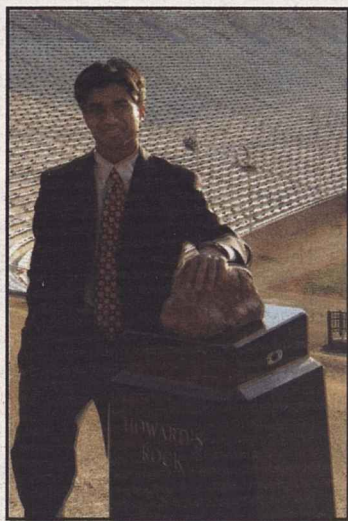
## UNDERGRADUATE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

**JOSH BELL**



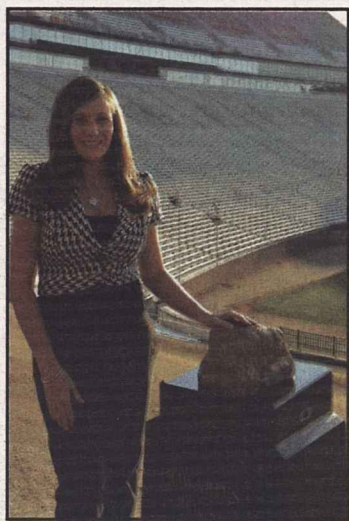
Bell's biggest goal for the student body is to change communication for the students and increase the understanding of the power that the student government can possess, to hear student opinions and issues and fight for the students' rights. His best quality is his undying dedication to Clemson and his passion for serving others. "I have learned this through my involvement and leadership in a number of organizations," Bell said.

**RYAN FERNANDES**



Fernandes' biggest goal is to get more students active in voicing their concerns and opinions and having more students directly active in student government. One of the most important aspects of his platform is the Student Ownership Initiatives which give students the opportunity to take ownership of different aspects of the University. Fernandes says that his best quality is that he cares about the students and the University.

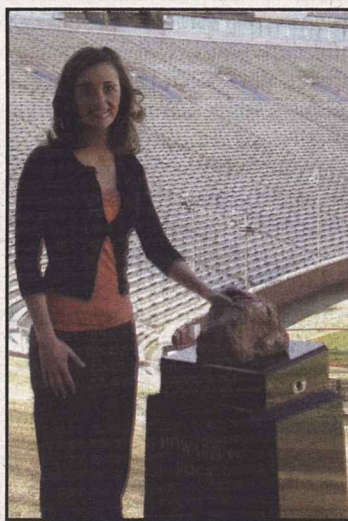
**AMANDA McDONALD**



McDonald's biggest goal is to connect Clemson to the community by making it possible for local underprivileged youths to experience their first Clemson football game from the sidelines. McDonald wants to take on projects, not based on their premise as a "student government job," but because they are projects that students are passionate about and want to see happen.

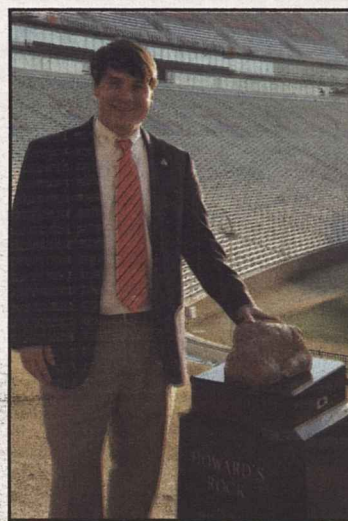
## UNDERGRADUATE VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

**CALLIE BOYD**



Boyd would like to institute an alcohol amnesty policy, sometimes referred to as medical amnesty, that would allow students to call for medical help without the threat of University sanctions for alcohol violations. Boyd hopes that her experience working for the student body and the trust she has gained from administrators will ensure that students have a voice in critical decisions made at Clemson.

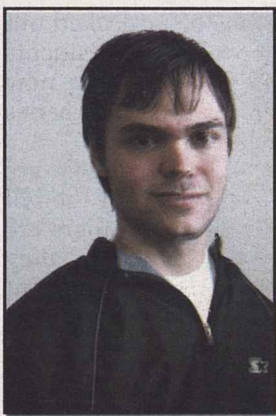
**AARON GENTRY**



Gentry plans to increase the amount of communication between the student body and the student government. Gentry wants to increase participation in order to keep CUSG on its feet. The best quality that he says he brings forth is his openness to all new people and ideas. Gentry said, "I bring a fresh perspective to the position that needs it more than many other attributes."

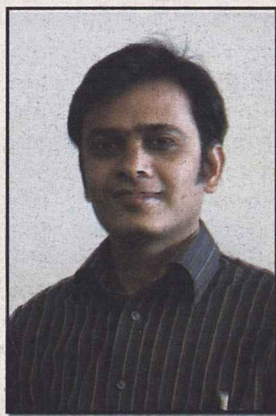
## GRADUATE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

**DAVID STOWE**



Stowe's biggest goal is to represent the graduate student body by being a voice of reason within all councils where there is a student presence, championing solutions to the issues which affect the students academically and socially to increase Clemson's visibility as a research institute. His foremost goal is to assist programs which have the potential to increase the value of a Clemson degree. Stowe says his best quality is that he is persistent.

**SUDHAKAR TEEGAVARAPU**



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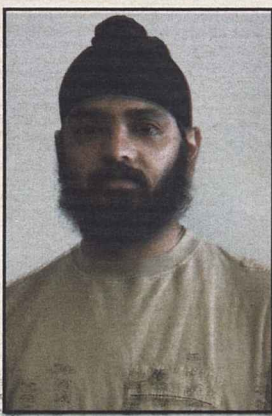
**JASON LEWIS MASHBURN**



Mashburn's biggest goal is to make the graduate student government more transparent and public. Mashburn's best quality that he brings to the table is that he can work with many people to solve a problem with a solution that is fair and equitable. Mashburn said, "I would like to take some of the current internal expenditures and reallocate them to external expenditures that benefit the most students."

## GRADUATE VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

**AJIT KANDA**



No information provided.

**SLOAN LINDSEY**



Lindsey's biggest goal is to have some influence in the rampant grade inflation noted in some graduate studies. The most important part of his platform is peace through moderation. Lindsey said, "I honestly believe that there aren't major changes that can be made in the student government system. I think that I can help maintain order amongst the varied senators."

**TOM RICHEY**



Richey hopes to make the graduate student government's budget public and to cut the amount of money that is being spent on executive stipends and expensive banquets. Richey's experience with the graduate student senate and running meetings as student body president at his undergraduate institution qualities. Richey said, "Since the vice president's main job is to serve as the presiding officer of the Senate."

# VOTE!

## ONLINE MARCH 5TH



## Weekly World Update

### World Report

■ **Iraq plans to distribute oil wealth, violence continues:** Iraq's government has agreed on a plan to distribute the country's oil wealth within the country and open the industry to international investment. The law would insure that all revenues will be shared at the federal level and divided equitably among all Iraqis. "This law will guarantee for Iraqis—not just now, but for future generations, too—complete national control over this natural wealth," Oil Minister Hussain al-Shahrastani. Meanwhile, violence continues in Iraq. An attack in the Ministry of Municipalities killed at least 12 people during a speech given by Iraqi Vice President Adel Abdul Mahdi. The bomb wounded 42 people, including Mahdi. On a positive note, Iraqi officers detained Brig. Gen. Mohsen Chirazi, said to be the third-ranking officer in the Iranian Quds Force, a paramilitary arm of Iran's Revolutionary Guards.

■ **Serbia acquitted of genocide:** The International Court of Justice in The Hague, Netherlands judged that Serbia was not directly responsible for the 1995 genocide against Bosnian Muslims in Srebrenica. The Serbian Prime Minister, Vojislav Kostunica, said that the verdict will be a catalyst for post-war reconciliation. Meanwhile, many massacre survivors mourned the verdict. "I am speechless," said Fadila Efendic, whose son and husband were killed in Srebrenica. "We know that Serbia was directly involved. We saw Serbian troops shell us ... and kill our sons and husbands—we saw them commit genocide here." The World Court issued a statement demanding that Serbia hand over known war criminals to be put on trial, citing Serbia's lack of compliance thus far as an obstacle in the way of achieving justice.

■ **Britain deploys more troops to Afghanistan, requests help:** British Defense Secretary Des Browne plans to send an additional 1,400 troops to Afghanistan, bolstering NATO's mission to promote President Hamid Karzai's Kabul government and fight against the efforts of the Taliban. The extra deployment marks the first time since 2003 that Britain will have more forces based there than in Iraq. Prime Minister Tony Blair expressed dismay that the United States and Britain have been overly burdened due to the reluctance of some NATO countries to get involved in Iraq. However, NATO Secretary General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer said he believed alliance members were aiding the mission and making effective contributions.

### National Report

■ **Helicopter pilot receives country's highest military honor:** Lt. Col. Bruce Crandall, whose story was portrayed in the book "We Were Soldiers Once ... and Young," and the film "We Were Soldiers," received the Confederate Medal of Honor for his role in saving 70 wounded soldiers. On November 15, 1965, a battalion of soldiers initiated the first major battle between Americans and North Vietnamese troops in the Ia Drang Valley. It was also one of the first instances of the use of helicopters to insert troops into battle. After the battle took a negative turn, Crandall and his wingman, Ed Freeman (who previously received the Medal of Honor), flew into Landing Zone X-Ray amid heavy enemy fire more than 18 times to retrieve wounded soldiers and bring ammunition. Crandall was almost not rewarded because the inefficient military administration at the time did not file a medal petition for him within the time limit. Later, the time limit was lifted, giving Crandall and Freeman the opportunity to be decorated.

■ **Genealogists find "shocking" link between Sharpton and Thurmond:** Genealogists from ancestry.com discovered that the late Sen. Strom Thurmond's family owned the great-grandfather of Rev. Al Sharpton. "It was probably the most shocking thing in my life," Sharpton said at a news conference Sunday. The tracing of Sharpton's ancestry began when ancestry.com contacted a Daily News reporter who agreed to have his family tree traced. The reporter then asked Sharpton to participate, and the rest is history. Sharpton met Thurmond, once considered an icon of racial segregation, in 1991 and described the meeting as "awkward."

■ **FEMA declares levees a potential threat:** People living in El Paso, Texas, may have to purchase flood insurance. FEMA is planning to issue a report saying that the levees in place to protect the Rio Grande are not "up to par." There is too much silt building up in the river, and people living between I-10 and the Rio Grande are in potential flood territory. Some blame the levees' condition and the silt build-up on lack of funding. Chairman of the Homeland Security Committee Rep. Bennie Thompson from Mississippi says cleaning up the Rio is part of a treaty with Mexico, which already has secured funding to clean its side of the river.

## News By Numbers

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## :30 seconds with...

**Jennifer Salane:** How long have you been a bat girl?

**Anna Bruce:** This is my second year.

**JS:** What is your least favorite outfit that the bat girls have to wear?

**AB:** Definitely this year's shorts. They are to our knees and have a pleat down the middle. At least they have a tiger paw on them.

**JS:** If you were not being a bat girl, where would you prefer to sit during the games?

**AB:** To watch the game, I'd sit behind home plate so I can see for myself if it's really a ball or a strike.

**JS:** Is there a particular song that you like to hear during the games?

**AB:** I love Taylor Harbin's song this year! It's "This Is Why I'm Hot" by Mims. It's a good song to dance to in your seat.

**JS:** What is the most embarrassing bat girl moment that you have ever had?

**AB:** I frequently miss a ball that is rolling to me. I probably would do better with a glove. I'm always laughing at myself.

**JS:** Who is your favorite baseball player on our team?

**AB:** One of the players I buy gifts for is Stan Widmann, a shortstop. Each bat girl gives candies and snacks—especially sunflower seeds and Gatorade—to their three players several times a season. I think Stan gives his all every time he goes out on the field.

**JS:** What is your favorite part about being a bat girl?

**AB:** I love getting to be on the field where the action takes place. It is so exciting when we get a run and the players run out to congratulate their teammate.

**JS:** Do bat girls have practice?

**AB:** No, we do not practice. Our job is pretty simple. We get the bats on both sides, make sure the umpire has balls and retrieve any foul balls in the outfield and behind home plate.

**JS:** What is the most difficult thing about being a bat girl?

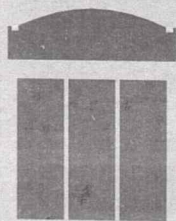
**AB:** It is a pretty big time commitment. But I wouldn't trade that time supporting the baseball program and relax for anything.

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# EXAMS: Proposal for new schedule introduces six-day exam week *from page A1*

the current exam schedule by compiling data over six semesters from 14,632 students with a total of 57,632 exams.

Their objective was to eliminate the first Saturday from the exam schedule without significantly increasing the number of exam conflicts or consecutive exams.

"Mathematically, this is a hard problem," said Jarvis. "So hard in fact that essentially no one knows how to exactly solve it, so you have to do some things to try to get good solutions; you have no way of knowing which is the best solution."

Jarvis and Kraft only considered courses with standard class times, which are the only ones in the current computer system that get mapped to exam times.

They grouped class meeting times to minimize the number of conflicts and then sequenced the groups to minimize the number of back-to-back exams. With this procedure, they came up with three alternative exam schedules: seven days with three exams per day, six days with three exams per day and five days with four exams per day.

The current exam schedule is seven days with three exams per day, but the alternative seven day schedule they generated is regrouped and resequenced to minimize conflicts and back-to-back exams.

"Even if we do not change the current framework, it is still possible to improve on the current schedule," said Jarvis.

Jarvis and Kraft generated graphs that compared these alternative schedules with the current exam schedule for exam conflicts and back-to-back exams in a single day and overnight. In the graphs, the seven-day alternative schedule has the lowest number of conflicts and back-to-back exams, the five day schedule is second, the six day schedule is third, and the current schedule has the highest number.

"You have to be careful in interpreting the numbers because it can be misleading," he said. "It just has to be that if you have fewer days and periods to cram exams into, there will be more conflicts, more exams that occur in a single day, and more back-to-back exams."

With the data that Jarvis and Kraft collected, there are 7,468 exams on the first Saturday, 8,200 exams per day on average throughout the week and 2,091 exams on the last Saturday for the current exam schedule.

"The last day is important to instructors because there are times where we have to turn in grades Monday and Tuesday following the last day of exams," said Jarvis.

For the six-day schedule, there are 9,551 exams per day on average and 9,404 exams on the last Saturday.

"I do not think the faculty would have a lot of interest in this schedule because the number of exams on the last day has increased dramatically and this is too many exams to get graded in a short amount of time," he said.

For the five day schedule, there are 11,470 exams per day on average and 11,470 exams on the last day, Friday. The length of exams would be shortened from three hours to two and a half due to the additional exam period. This is the schedule that Jarvis and the faculty senate support.

However, not all students support the five-day schedule. Apurva Shah, president protempore of the undergraduate student senate, wants to keep the seven day schedule.

"For students who take five to six classes with just as many exams, the likelihood of having two exams on one day increases tremendously with the five-day schedule," he said. "The seven-day schedule may not have a definite reading day but students get Sunday as well as an additional reading day during the week between exams."

Student government released a constituency report during the Fall 2006 exam week regarding the alternative exam schedule. A 46.2 percent of students voted to keep the current exam schedule, 41.9 percent voted to change it to a five day schedule and the remaining 11.9 percent of students did not choose either schedule and proposed another possibility. A total of 1,763 students responded to the question which is only roughly 12.6 percent of the total student body.

Student government is generating a survey that will be sent to a random sample of the student population with students from every college. This will give a more accurate poll of what students are in favor. If the five day exam schedule is supported, it may begin as soon as this fall.

Jarvis created a Web site where students can enter their courses and compare their current exam schedules to what they would be like if the proposed five day schedule were to take place. The address to visit is <http://www.math.clemson.edu/~jpjrv/exsched.html>.

## In the Books

### Campus Arrests

The following were arrests made by the Clemson University Police Department between Monday, Feb. 19 to Monday, Feb. 26.

#### Feb. 19

12:07 a.m., Kirstyn James, driving under suspension, Highway 93, officer: Schutt

#### Feb. 23

4:11 a.m., Daniel Leonard, public disorderly conduct, Johnstone, officer: Lehmann

#### Feb. 24

2:23 a.m., Anthony Cody, public disorderly conduct, Hendrix Center, officer: Lehmann

### Crime Report

The following calls were among those that Clemson University police responded to between Monday, Feb. 19 and Monday, Feb. 26.

#### Feb. 19

6:41 p.m., stolen items, Fike, officer: Marzolf

7:07 p.m., handicap violation, Martin Hall, officer: Ashley

#### Feb. 20

12:19 a.m., stolen generator, Botanical Gardens, officer: Ashley

#### Feb. 21

2:13 a.m., malicious damage and simple assault, Frat Quad, officer: Salisbury

11:11 p.m., handicap violation, Brooks Center, officer: Ashley

#### Feb. 22

11:28 a.m., theft from vehicle, Ft. Hill Street, officer: Schiraldi

1:09 p.m., driving under suspension, Highway 93, officer: Harrington

5:21 p.m., damage to vehicle, Lightsey Bridge, officer: not listed

6:08 p.m., suspicious vehicle, Cherry Farm, officer: Harrington

#### Feb. 24

4:55 p.m., skateboarders, East Library, officer: Marzolf

11:14 p.m., grand larceny, Lever, officer: Lehmann

#### Feb. 26

5:28 p.m., suspicious person, Young Hall, officer: Dozier

### Fire & Rescue

The following were among those that the Clemson University fire department responded to between Monday, Feb. 19 and Monday, Feb. 26.

#### Feb. 20

10:09 p.m., fire alarm, Brooks Center, CUFD

#### Feb 22

8:11 p.m., fire alarm, Clemson Downs, CUFD

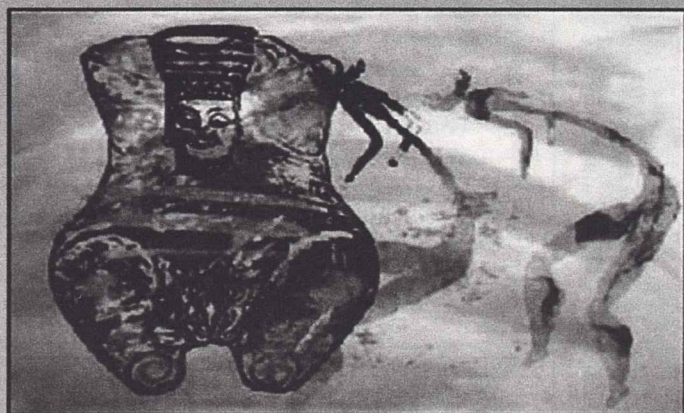
#### Feb. 24

2:39 p.m., fire alarm, Lightsey Bridge, CUFD

7:19 p.m., trash fire, Jervey Meadows, CUFD

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# Student progressively recovers

Kellie Jureka undergoes surgery and amputation, but remains stable.

JENNIFER SALANE  
News Editor

An Inside Clemson report released to all students by e-mail on Feb. 28 provided the most recent updates for the progress of Kellie Jureka's recovery.

Jureka was hit by a CAT Bus on Feb. 13 while crossing Fort Mill Road, located on the west side of the University's campus. After being rushed to the Greenville Memorial Hospital by helicopter on the day of the accident, suspense looms in the air as to how her recovery is progressing, or not progressing.

A fund has been established to collect money to help support Jureka's family with the hospital bills.

Jureka is a physics student at the University. The Clemson Society of Physics Students, the Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) and the First Year Experience residents helped establish the fund.

"The physics and astronomy family was shaken and concerned when we learned of Kellie's serious

accident," Peter Barnes, physics and astronomy department chair, said. "Kellie is an enthusiastic physics major, and we miss her cheerful presence in classes and hope for her speedy recovery so that she can return to us."

Everyone in Jureka's curriculum is reaching out to help her family.

"The Society of Physics Students, the organization representing all physics and astronomy undergraduates, wants to help Kellie and her family in some way and is asking all who care to contribute to a fund established to aid the family with mounting expenses," according to Clemson's newsservices.

Along with the University's released statement about the funding for Jureka, her family also released information concerning the steps to her recovery.

"Kellie continues to recover from injuries she suffered when she was struck," the Jurekas said. "The initial surgery on Feb. 13 and Feb. 14 focused on repairing a shattered vertebra in the lumbar section of her spine and on stabilizing injuries to her right foot, which had been pinned under the tire of the bus. Several subsequent surgeries were performed in an attempt to save Kellie's foot."

The surgery on Jureka's back went well. She will have limited

movement capability because of her back surgery, but there does not appear to be any sort of paralysis so far. On Feb. 26 Jureka's foot had to be amputated because of the extent of the damage it received.

Jureka and her family decided to withdraw her enrollment to Clemson for the remainder of the semester. She will be returning to school in the fall.

"Kellie is my friend and has many friends in the freshman class," Brooke Baker, a freshman physics student and friend of Jureka's, said. "I can't wait to have her back in the physics and astronomy department."

"I have visited Kellie in the hospital and was relieved to see she hadn't lost her bubbly personality despite her injuries. I know God is taking care of her."

Jureka's family is collecting donations by cash or check, made payable to Kellie Jureka, c/o Carolina First, 106 Hendrix Student Center, Clemson, SC 29634.

"We very much appreciate what the Clemson University family is doing to help Kellie by establishing the fund," Jureka's parents and brother said. "We also ask that that you not forget how difficult this time has been for everyone involved in this unfortunate accident and that you keep them in your thoughts and prayers as well."

## TIGER BRIEFS

### Students attempt Guinness World Record for fundraiser:

Do you want to be a part of the world's largest game of Twister? Four students in the Calhoun Honors College are going to attempt to break the world record of 4,064 people in a game of Twister held by the University of Albany. The event will take place in April, and a specific date will be announced after the Guinness Book of World Records replies with regulations. The students plan to charge one dollar per participant in order to help raise \$1,800 for a service-learning trip to India this July. The summer project will partner Clemson students with teams of Belgian students from the ICHEC Business University in Belgium, and each team will build 10 houses in the Tamil Nadu region of India.

**Barker follows up on controversial football players' admission rejections:** President Jim Barker reiterated his commitment to both academics and athletics, and then outlined his response to the recent controversy surrounding football players' rejections for admissions in an e-mail to a Tiger reporter. This year, Clemson accepted more football recruits than ever who were exceptions to the normal process, but Barker maintains that Clemson athletes must go through the same admissions process as non-athletes. Of course, the difference is that athletes get up to four modes of appeal if rejected. The AARC, an appeals process for athletes, was created in 2002 after an NCAA certification review. Barker

also appointed a President's Task Force on Athletic Admissions to review and improve the process.

"I believe most students, faculty, staff and alumni understand the importance of athletics in general, and football in particular, to the essential nature of Clemson University," Barker said.

"There may be some cross-cultural misunderstanding, but I do not view the current dialogue as evidence of a split between academics and athletics."

### Clemson students have new law internship opportunity:

South Carolina Legal Services recently established an intern program with Clemson University, modeled after a similar program between their Greenville office and Furman University. Interns do tasks such as evidence gathering, research, drafting of pleadings and documents, interviewing applicants seeking representation and assisting attorneys in preparing for hearings and trials. "At SCLS, I actually get to work alongside the lawyers," said Natalie Vereen, the first Clemson student in the program. "The first day I started my internship, I was given a file to work on." The position is unpaid, but each student receives course credit. senior staff attorney Susan Ingles (Clemson class of '79) and Joanna Grisinger, advisor for the William T. Howell Pre-law Society, coordinated the intern program under the guidance of Kirby Mitchell, managing attorney for the SCLS Greenville office.

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## ASSAULT: Campus safety concerns are quickly addressed *from page A1*

tions about the current safety regulations currently in place, and whether they are enough to prevent future incidents and if present regulations should be revised.

Student government is already cooperating with the University Police by holding sessions to address safety concerns, including how to avoid dangerous situations, a chance to offer suggestions and an opportunity for those attending to ask questions for the panel.

Though there are also others who are confident with the current precautions.

"Personally, I feel that the incident that occurred in Johnstone has little to do with my feelings about the housing community I live in," said Johnstone-resident Lexi Seigenberg, a freshman studying communication.

"Although I felt concern about my safety as a woman, being that neither victim nor attacker live here I felt no rise in alarm," said Seigenberg. "The amount of security and level of awareness of my RA's keeps us all safe."

An RA (Resident Assistant) oversees particular areas in University Housing, and is responsible for the safety and security of the students.

According to the Clemson University's 2006 Campus Safety Report, there were five forcible sexual offenses on campus from 2003 through 2005: one in 2003, two in 2004 and two in 2005.

The report also details certain tips for students to help prevent sexual assaults from occurring.

Some of the tips include using the campus' escort and transit services, avoiding dark or unlit areas, report suspicious people and activities, varying your daily routine and drink responsibly.

The safety report also says to take advantage of the rape awareness and defense training offered by the University's police.

Gregory was released on bond, and "the next step will probably be a preliminary hearing, which will be held in the magistrate's office," Link said.

## ONEart festivity benefits poverty

Students raise awareness about what the U.S. budget can change and improve.

**CAROLINE RASH**  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Earlier this semester, the idea dawned on Barrett Hutto and Sara Tappan that hosting a party with food, music and art would create a fun atmosphere while simultaneously raising students' awareness of poverty.

Hutto, a senior studying engineering, and Tappan, a senior studying biology, are members of the Clemson ONE campaign, an effort to rally Americans to fight the "emergency of global AIDS and extreme poverty," according to the organization's Web site.

"We thought it was a great way to raise awareness and plan a fun event," Emily Burchfield, a sophomore who spearheaded much of the ONE campaign's beginning at Clemson, said. "Documentaries really weren't cutting it because it's really hard to get students out to them, so we figured music, free food and great art would get students out."

The event that resulted from these ideas is ONEart. Making its debut this month, it is a charity exhibition where people can sell

their own art or buy others' work.

The "show and sell" will take place at Downtown Christian Fellowship (DCF) on March 9 from 7 to 11 p.m. and March 10 from 2 to 8 p.m.

The first day's entertainment will include architecture professor Yuji Kishimoto playing a 12-string classical instrument and possibly an African dance. Musician Chris Branch will finish off the night.

The Clemson ONE Campaign is sponsoring ONEart with money raised from the Ten Thousand Villages craft fair last semester. Food and drinks for the event are being donated by Firehouse Subs.

Gantt Intercultural Center is the official on-campus entity supporting the show, though not financially.

The ONE campaign is not charging an entry fee and all proceeds will go to one or more of the 70 charity organizations supporting the national ONE campaign.

The event is also about getting its message out to a broad range of people.

"One of my goals is to bring together a diverse variety of people in the Clemson community for the purpose of discussing, thinking about, and acting on the issues of extreme poverty and AIDS," said Tappan.

"I want ONEart to engage people in these problems, and get them really thinking about the meaning behind the words 'hope,' 'desperation,' 'unity,' etc."

Interested artists can register at [oneartexhibition.com](http://oneartexhibition.com) until March 2 and then drop off their work at DCF (under Keith Street Bar and Grill) from March 5 to March 8, anytime between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The artwork can be of any medium, but must be ready to be hung and no larger than 3' x 5'.

Artists should include an index card with their name, title of work, medium, date made, target price and a short description of their inspiration for the piece.

Anyone may submit up to three pieces focusing on one or more of the following themes: poverty, brokenness, desperation, peace, hope, unity or change.

"I hope people will be moved when they come to this exhibition," said Hutto. "It is not meant to be just a sad time; it is meant for people to recognize the sad things that are going on around the world, and to the hopefully see a positive future."

The ONE Campaign supports allocating an additional one percent of the U.S. budget toward providing health, education, clean water and food in the world's poorest countries.

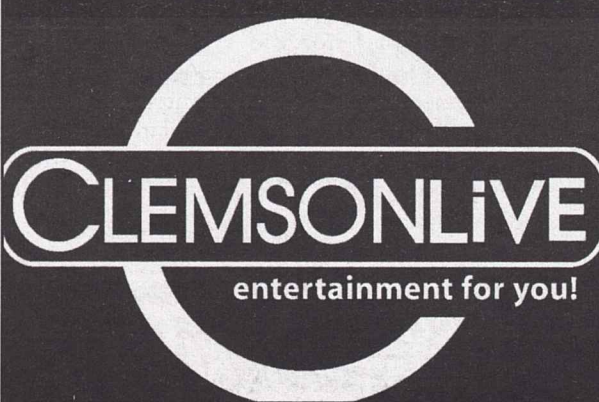
They also call for debt cancellation, trade reform and anti-corruption measures to help Africa and the poorest nations beat AIDS and poverty.

In 2006, Clemson became one of the first "campuses of ONE" in the country.

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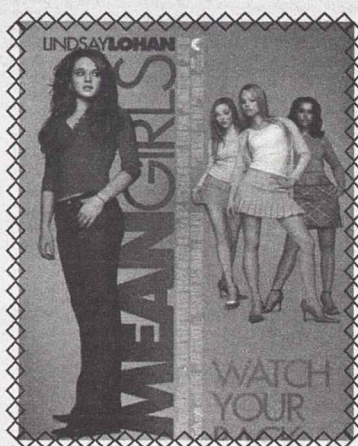
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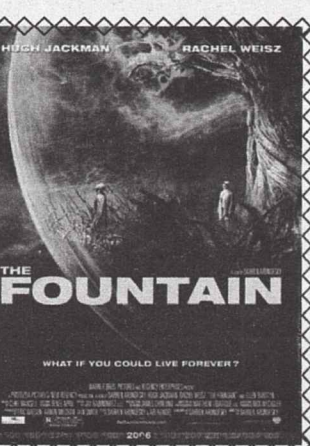
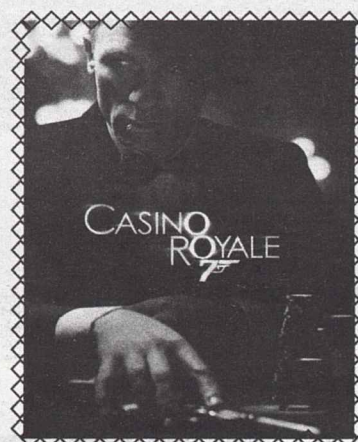
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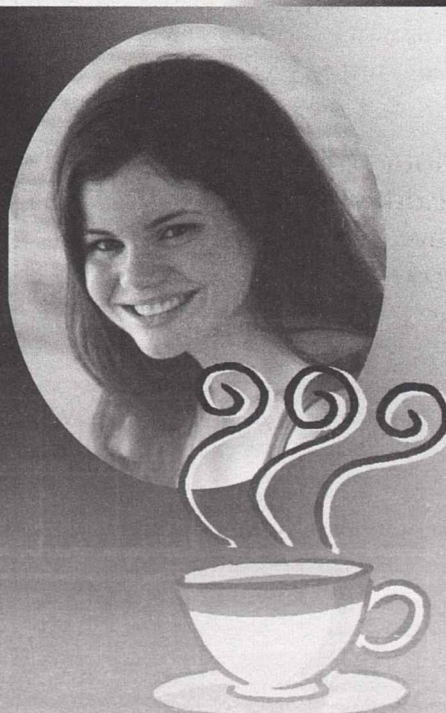
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# FIRE stresses individual rights of college students

Robert L. Shibley puts students' freedom for protest to the ultimate test.

**ASHLEY GARRIS**  
STAFF WRITER

Robert L. Shibley, vice president of the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE), visited Clemson on Feb. 27 to discuss students' individual rights at America's colleges and universities.

FIRE's mission is to defend and sustain such rights as freedom of speech, legal equality, due process, religious liberty and the sanctity of conscience.

"This organization has had great success advocating for free speech at numerous major universities, such as West Virginia University, Texas Tech, the University of Nevada at Reno and the University of North Carolina-Greensboro," said Shibley.

Shibley was invited to Clemson in response to last semester's speech zone controversy. The Clemson Conservatives tried to register a protest of the Clemson Gay-Straight Alliance's gay marriage advocacy outside of Daniel Hall, where the Alliance met. Clemson authorities denied the request since that area was outside of the two on-campus "free speech zones." On Oct. 30, 2006 Clemson Conservatives held the protest anyway.

On Nov. 9, the Office of Judicial Conduct formally found the Clemson Conservatives guilty of protesting in a "non-designated area" and threatened to remove the group of their recognition as a student organization along with "admonition" and "censure" sanctions.

The Office of Student Conduct also warned Clemson Conservatives President Andrew Davis that action would be taken against him personally if he organized or helped with another protest outside of the

free speech zones. For help, the Clemson Conservatives appealed to FIRE since the university refused to acknowledge the inadequacy of the policy.

"They were going to stick with their policy until we contacted FIRE and started a media campaign against them," said Davis.

On Nov. 14, FIRE wrote a letter to President Barker informing him that Clemson's restrictions on free assembly violate both the U.S. Constitution and Clemson's own policies, including the Sales and Solicitation Policy that states "nothing in this policy or its regulations is intended to infringe upon any constitutional or other legal rights regarding freedom of speech." The University policy was doomed for failure because their only excuse was an over-generalized concern for order.

"By setting up 'free speech' zones, Clemson was designating the rest of campus as a 'censorship zone' where freedom of expression was restricted," said Shibley.

On Nov. 16, 2006 Clemson began reviewing the University policy which restricted students to protesting or publicly voicing their opinions only at the two "free speech areas." Vice President of Student Affairs Gail DiSabatino e-mailed Davis to inform him that since the "free speech" policy is under review, DiSabatino was removing the sanctions placed on the Clemson Conservatives, and the Office of Student Conduct destroyed the file related to this discipline case. DiSabatino also issued a public statement that enabled campus affiliates to assemble peacefully.

"During this period of review, affiliated individuals or groups may assemble, protest or demonstrate on campus as long as they do not disrupt the normal or previously scheduled activities of the University or University affiliated entities, violate the free speech, assembly or movement of other individuals or organizations, damage property, or create an unsafe situation for any individual, group or organization," said DiSabatino. University administrators and CUPD saw the "free speech zones" policy as

an efficient way of monitoring public group activities.

"My former understanding was that the policy met the tests of time, place and manner, but after hearing Shibley speak about the First Amendment and looking at the policy more carefully, the complaint made sense," said Joy Smith, associate vice president for student affairs and dean of students at Clemson. "The policy is in the hands of the university's legal council, and they're in the process of writing a new policy."

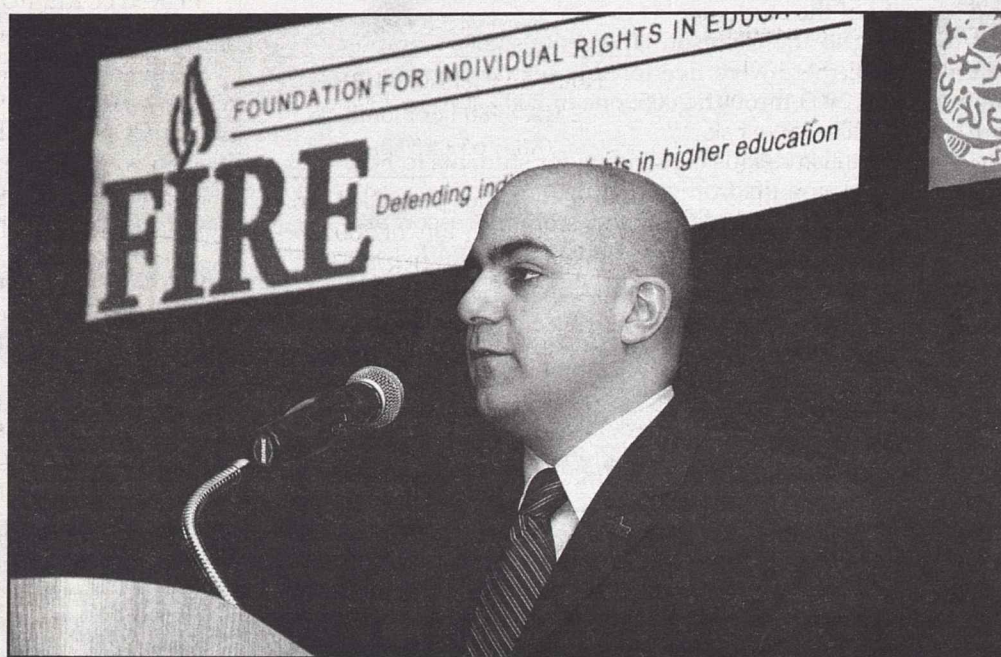
At a discussion held on Tuesday night to bring these problems to the surface, topics were covered on a wide variety of free speech issues. He said the ever-popular Facebook, which is the growth industry of FIRE. College administrators and police departments use Facebook to look for underage drinking and other violations of university policies.

"It's great for surveillance, but remember you have the same rights online as you do in the offline world," Shibley said. "FIRE is

fighting the fight for the First Amendment online."

A concern to the students gathered to hear Shibley was drawing the line between the balance of order and freedom. "Although there is no set balance, people cross the line when words become actions," Shibley said. "People are entitled to take the First Amendment as far as they want, but everyone must find that balance on his or her own. It is the job of society, outside of government, to set a standard for how far freedom of speech is allowed."

Shibley informed the audience of the many issues under the First Amendment that FIRE has helped resolve at American universities and colleges. "He enlightened a lot of students about the problem that existed at Clemson and their rights," said Jason Gainey, Treasurer of the Clemson Conservatives. "I hope Shibley made the administration aware that our student body is serious about the issue of free speech, and we will folit up."



CHRIS CANTRELL/photo editor

**FIGHT FOR YOUR RIGHT!:** Students express their concern about the balance of order and freedom to visitor Robert L. Shibley.

Is Your Diet 100% Fad Free?  
By Kimberly A. Rapp, MS, RD, LDN  
Registered Dietitian  
Clemson Dining Services

Are you a fad diet follower? Do you find yourself tempted to try the many diets advertised in magazines or on TV? It can be easy and tempting to try to prove their claims right, but the truth is who can really lose 10 pounds in a week and keep it off, nonetheless consider their diet to be healthy?

If you find yourself in this trap then you need to pay attention to the theme for National Nutrition Month this year, which is "100% Fad Free!" March is National Nutrition Month? and each March the American Dietetic Association highlights a topic that is a concern for Americans, with this year focusing on fad diets. Why is this a concern for Americans? Because a lot of money is spent each year by consumers on fad diets and not only does this hurt your wallet, but can hurt yourself as well.

What is a fad diet? A fad diet is considered to be a diet that does not promote safe and healthy weight loss to last a lifetime. The following are characteristics of a fad diet:

- ★ Eliminates or bans specific foods or food groups.
- ★ Claims to change your body chemistry.
- ★ Promises a fast and easy weight loss.
- ★ Sounds too good to be true.
- ★ Promotes or sells a company's product.
- ★ Lacks evidence of reputable scientific research or is published without peer review.
- ★ Lists foods that are "good" and "bad".
- ★ Lacks the consideration or differences between individuals or groups.

If you are following a diet that fits into one or more of these categories, then be advised that you may not be taking as healthy approach as you think to losing weight. For example, one of the most popular fad diets that many are following is the high protein, low carbohydrate diet. The diet claims that carbohydrates are "bad" and cause you to gain weight. It is true that this diet, like many other fad diets results in weight loss, however it can be very dangerous to your body. A high protein diet tends to be low in calcium and fiber, and bans nearly all carbohydrates from your diet.

In general the majority of fad diets do not provide all of the nutrients that your body needs. When weight loss continues after 6-8 weeks, once the weight loss began, and it is greater than three pounds per week a person may be at risk for gallstones. In addition, extremely low calorie diets of less than 800 calories/day can result in heart rhythm abnormalities, which is potentially fatal. Other long-term effects include a high risk of heart disease, cancer, high blood pressure, osteoporosis, kidney stones and gout. Finally, quick weight loss due to the use of fad diets usually causes weight gain once normal eating patterns resume being that the body did not get enough calories and is now trying to hold onto what it can incase of another period of starvation.

So, the next time you are tempted with the quick fix of a fad diet, remember the negative effects of a fad diet and stay "100% Fad Free!" Don't let the claims of a fad diet fool you, and remember to follow these tips to lose weight, keep it off and stay healthy:

- ★ Fad diets are not a quick fix for weight loss.
- ★ Fad diets do not allow you to make lifestyle changes that you can reasonably stick to in order to lose weight and keep it off. Consider making small changes one at a time to help you and your body to adjust to the changes and help you keep up with them for a lifetime.
- ★ Do not eliminate your favorite foods, just know how to make them fit. If you eliminate something you love this only brings you temptation and the potential for a binge. Try allowing yourself to have your favorite "unhealthy" foods periodically and in small portions.
- ★ A good rule of thumb is that it takes a reduction of 3,500 calories to lose one pound. So if you reduce your calorie intake each day by 500 calories you are on your way to weight loss without any drastic changes, but don't forget physical activity too. The reduction in calorie consumption and incorporation of physical activity will help you to burn calories faster and improve your overall health too.
- ★ So take this advice into consideration and become "100% Fad Free!" today!

For more information about fad diets and other nutrition and health topics, stop by the National Nutrition Month? Health and Nutrition Fair sponsored by Clemson Dining Services on Tuesday, March 27th from 11am - 2pm in the Hendrix Student Center Ballroom. Enjoy learning more about nutrition and health with educational materials, food samples, prizes and more!



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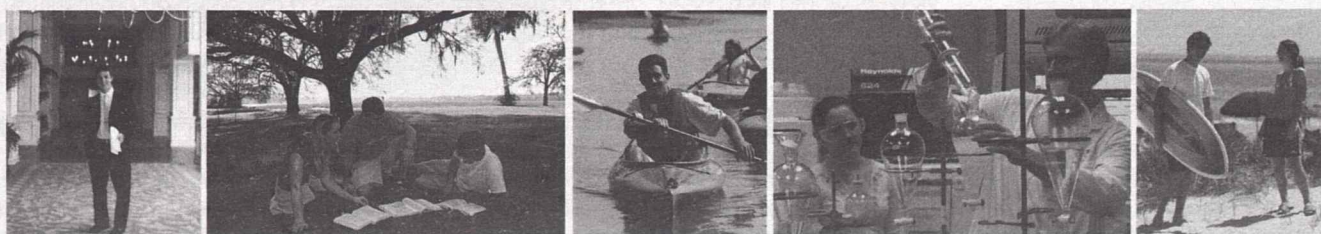
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# PERSPECTIVES

## Virginia's statement empty, asinine

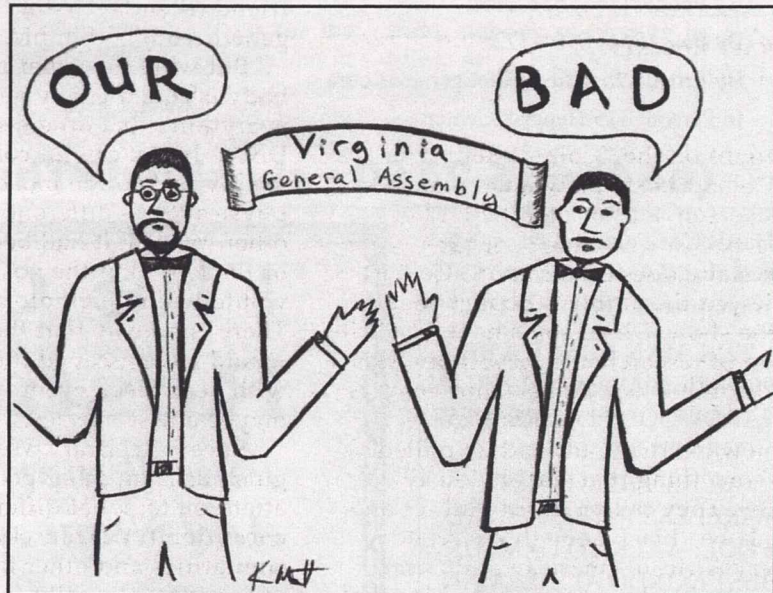
Recently, the Virginia General Assembly voted to formally express "profound regret" for the state's historical role in instituting slavery and exploiting Native Americans. The statement outlines Virginia's view that slavery is "the most horrendous of all depredations of human rights and violations of our founding ideals in our nation's history." The statement of regret comes on the eve of the 400th anniversary of the first English colony in the United States, established at Jamestown.

Proponents of the statement feel as though a formal apology was needed in order of the state of Virginia to "move on" and to heal divisions within the state before the upcoming anniversary celebration.

The wording of the statement was the source of great dispute during the drafting stages. Virginia wanted to acknowledge and express regret for its role in the abuse of Native Americans and the institution of slavery, but wished to stop just short of officially apologizing. While the difference between expressing "profound regret" over something and apologizing for it may be small, the matter received so much attention because Virginia did not want to open the door for reparation requests. Unlike states such as Florida, Virginia is not willing to make back-payments to the descendants of those it wronged four centuries ago. Sadly, many feared that if any sort of remorse was expressed, those standing to make money from reparations would try to exploit the issue.

In effect, what Virginia has managed to do is present a watered-down semi-apology for events that occurred almost a half-millennium ago, leaving many to wonder why they even bothered.

Several individuals have come forth thanking Virginia for



expressing regret over slavery, asserting that this has been the first step toward increasing awareness of the ills of slavery and healing centuries-old wounds.

To begin with, the idea that Virginia's quasi-apology is where future generations will learn about the evils of slavery from is absurd. Elementary schools across the country teach children about slavery even in the most basic history lessons. It seems unimaginable that any school so would portray slavery in a positive light; furthermore, any school system that skewed is not likely to be influenced by a state's empty political statement.

Also, one would be hard pressed to convincingly argue that a politically correct "expression

of remorse" in 2007 does much to make up for the destruction and injury committed against so many thousands of lives several centuries ago.

Furthermore, the audience to which the Virginia General Assembly is issuing the statement does not necessarily require an explanation or apology (however abridged). In fact, bringing up the issue of slavery once again may do more harm than good. Slavery, as outlined previously, is not a subject of which the average American is ignorant. The institution was abolished well over a century ago and focus shifted to obtaining equality between the races. The Civil Rights Movement or current racial issues would be much more legitimate topics of conversation.

**THE ISSUE**  
THE VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY RELEASED A STATEMENT OF "PROFOUND REGRET" FOR THE STATE'S ROLE IN SLAVERY.  
**OUR VIEW**  
THE STATEMENT IS ONLY AN EMPTY POLITICAL MANEUVER THAT ACCOMPLISHES NOTHING.

Disagreeing with slavery is not a courageous move in this day and age, but it evidently suffices to assuage politicians searching for a way to feel politically correct and acceptant of diversity. Not only does expressing regret for slavery provide an easy way to make an empty but outwardly benevolent statement to make everyone feel good about themselves, but it shifts the focus away from the more important issues.

Americans now find themselves asking, "what next?" Following Virginia's decision to rehash the issue in the form of a "statement of regret," will other states be expected to follow suit with their own empty political statements? How will Americans view those states who participated in slavery and do not issue a statement? In a few years, will states feel the need to take yet another step and move beyond statements to formal apologies?

In general, the point of the entire fiasco is lost in a battle amongst the politically correct. If the genuine purpose of expressing regret is to move past, Virginia has missed the mark. If anything, the General Assembly has cheapened the impact of slavery by latching onto it as an easy way to seem racially tolerant and politically savvy. Expressing remorse and acknowledging the horrors of slavery accomplishes absolutely nothing. It does not raise awareness about a previously-obscure cause or finally put old wounds to rest. All Virginia has managed to accomplish is to tread over painful areas of America's past once again for cheap political gain.

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### COMMENTARY

## Environment gets deserved attention



JULIE GERDES

Columnist

Finally. Finally, we increase awareness of one of the most important global issues to the right crowd. This year, among conversations revolving around the fashion, parties and relationship statuses of Oscar-winning actors, people are voicing comments about Al Gore's efforts to reduce global warming. It's about time.

Gore was tactful, rather than tacky, in his and Leonardo DiCaprio's joint delivery of the announcement of the Academy's environmental awareness at the Oscars last Sunday. While some speculate that he was trying to improve his position politically, he was effective in dismissing these speculations by using humor in regard to all things political or presidential.

He has said it all before; he starred in an Oscar-winning film about it, and before "An Inconvenient Truth," he traveled the world to speak in lecture halls about it. However, the difference this time is his audience. Rather than addressing scientists, students or politicians, he delivered to an entire live audience,

of people who both have the most resources to help pay for change and are some of the most responsible individuals for increasing carbon dioxide emissions. His second audience consisted of upwards of 40 million American television viewers.

Trying to imagine the entire audience of the awards show with such a broad reach can be tricky. We must assume that the majority of viewers are people interested in the entertainment industry, who are likely to have some knowledge on recent films and movies and include all ages and many females, as well as those not so highly likely to watch CNN daily. While a large portion of the audience may not be involved actively in political or environmental issues, the majority of these viewers would recognize Gore from the 2000 election. Upon seeing him enter the stage, they would likely tune in to see why he was there and what information he would deliver. Everyone watching was posed to judge him. I know that my noisy apartment achieved silence when Gore took the hand of DiCaprio and grinned his way up to the podium. He delivered his words perfectly — with humor, poise and conviction — making many wish we could go back and count those Florida votes of 2000 one last time.

But Gore's failed presidential attempt may have been one of the best things for our world. Now that he is not burdened by political decisions and reputation, he is able to concentrate on turning heads away from war debates and political turmoil to a truth that

is so much grander. He is doing this just in time, as candidates have begun voicing their intentions to run for political offices in 2008. Americans will now be forced to seek out candidate's stances on environmental issues more than ever.

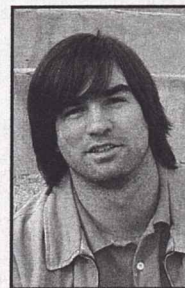
The results of 2006 elections and the Democratic majority in the House lead me to jump to the conclusion that a 2008 Democratic candidate's victory is not unlikely. While Gore has assured us that he will not be running, his performance last Sunday night will give him a large voice should he chose to publicly support one candidate of his party. Any candidate that he supports will be understood by the public to place a large amount of concern on the environment and may therefore focus his (or her) campaign on other issues, while other candidates will be begging voters to see their environmental activism, regardless of how far it actually extends.

In addition, Gore and DiCaprio's presentation of the Academy's active role in practicing environment-friendly procedures may dismiss critics of "An Inconvenient Truth's" criticisms that the film portrayed our situation as being too hopeless to correct. By taking active measures to improve the environment and bringing the entertainment industry with him, Gore is tackling a major enemy of unawareness and of the warm consequences of human action.

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## SPEAKING

Should states apologize for their role in slavery and the exploitation of Native Americans?



Jordan Perkins  
political science  
junior

"If a formal apology makes past actions less hurtful, more states should follow suit."

"A good apology would be taking action against the impoverishment of Native Americans."

Debbie Maloney  
finance  
sophomore

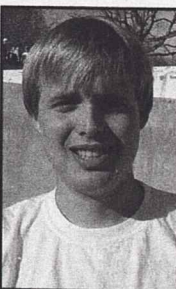


Lindsey Owens  
English  
freshman

"Yes, if it was an issue now, it would be in order. But it has been solved."

"Native Americans should be given the same rights as us. They were here first and their knowledge of the land is more developed."

Ashley Cummings  
health science  
freshman



Chuck Wright  
biochemistry  
senior

"Yes. It doesn't change anything, but it goes a long way."

"The abuse and slavery of the Native Americans was wrong, but anything said now can't possibly make up for the events that occurred."

Jordan Duncan  
pre-professional health science  
freshman



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## Commentary portrays NASA issue correctly

- Regarding Brandon Jones' Feb. 16 Commentary, "NASA A Waste of Taxpayer's Money." I totally agree with Brandon's thoughts about NASA being a complete waste of taxpayers' money.
- I've been bringing this topic up in social discussions and much to my dismay, I can't find anyone else who has felt the same way. People seem to politely agree with my argument, but I know they don't have the same conviction as I do. I'll often begin my discussion regarding this topic with the following train line of questioning.
- What is this country's and possibly the world's biggest threat to security? Answer: the spread of radical Islam.
- How is radical Islam funded? Answer: primarily from Middle East oil. Who is the world's largest user of Middle East oil? Answer: the United States.
- What if the United States was to take 2,000 of the country's smartest scientists, fund them with \$10 billion per year and give them the objective of making the United States 100 percent free from Middle East oil? In the next 10 years do you think we can accomplish that goal? Many agree it would be possible.
- I go on to inform them that instead of spending our \$10 billion in federal tax dollars each year trying to disprove the Bible's account of creation by trying to find water and, hence, signs of life on Mars, we should refocus NASA on creating alternative fuel sources that would eventually free us from our dependency on Middle East oil and funding the spread of Islamic radicals.
- What a breath of fresh air to hear someone else take a similar stand against NASA's waste of our federal tax dollars. Keep up the good work.
- This issue needs to be raised to the level of national debate. We have the money and the brain power to vastly reduce our dependency on Middle East oil; we just need to refocus our resources (NASA) to more pressing issues that face our country in this day and age.
- If we fail, we may lose everything.

Bob Reilly  
St. Louis, Mo.

## COMMENTARY

## Classifying by color lacks substance



WALT ROBERTS  
Assistant Opinions Editor

The other night on the "Colbert Report," Stephen Colbert hosted a woman named Debra Dickerson, author of "The End of Blackness."

As he occasionally does on his show, Colbert facetiously reviewed the author's book. Outside the context of the show, Dickerson's book is a brilliant compilation of research and honest analysis; but, in the hands of Stephen Colbert, not much is safe.

Of course, he was ridiculous, and he pulled Dickerson into something that she obviously was not ready for. They talked about politics and Barack Obama: Is he "black enough" to relate to the contemporary African American audience?

Dickerson seemed to lean toward the idea that Barack lacked the correct amount of "blackness" to relate. Colbert responded in a similar vein: How much "blackness" is needed?

The show is comedy, and, in Dickerson's defense, she was led into a conversation that was destined to end up spiraling downward. Her work is smart, and anyone can find themselves stumbling over their own words when confronted with Colbert's sarcastic parody. But the question still stuck: Is Barack Obama "black enough?" Dickerson attempted to clarify her response by giving Colbert a different definition of "blackness," one that focused on a common African heritage rather than a color. And this discrepancy led me to begin thinking.

With all of the controversy and division lately, I have listened to many people talk about the idea of race. It's been everywhere, along with all of the caustic issues that accompany it. I have heard some smart things said by some smart people. And, really, much of what I have to say here I have heard others say over and over. I just wanted to write it down for you.

Race is dissolving. Dickerson's own book claims that the ideas of color, of black and white, no longer function adequately as terms that describe and classify. It is possible that they never did.

In an ever more pluralized world, the idea of such absolute distinctions is becoming a funny notion, even applying to the idea of heritage. Marriages and births and intermingling cultures

are, and always have, blurred the lines between heritages. Once you marry someone from a different culture, which one will your children claim? Do they descend from both or neither? And what happens when this system becomes more complicated, more interwoven, more entangled?

I mentioned this thought in simpler terms to a friend recently. He told me that race is a matter of genetic coding. Simple.

But what does that mean? The entire human body is coded for by genes. Every outward part, everything that others see, is imprinted in our DNA. In the case of color, it seems like humans simply picked the most visible aspect of their physicality to differentiate themselves from each other. What if it had been the size of the eyebrows or the length of the nose? On these terms, I think I would be lumped into a separate race of my own. There is no way that the caterpillars above my eyes would have escaped the prejudices of those blessed with neat, sleek eyebrows. And the nose? Yeah, maybe a new species.

Race is arbitrary. We decide what will distinguish us from other people. We choose what to pay attention to, what differences matter, what differences don't. We consciously ignore the countless similarities and other factors that could define us, and we intentionally focus on what we want.

Another friend of mine responded to this observation in a recent presentation. She said that, in a sense, these classifications are necessary. We cannot go through life without drawing similarities between things or grouping them together. In order to function, we have to classify. To encounter every moment of our lives as completely original and new would not only exhaust us, it would be a lie. Even subconsciously, we recognize similarities in things we see. It is an inherent part of consciousness: Things catch our attention or hold our eye; things that are noticed even on the level of simple perception begin to connect with each other.

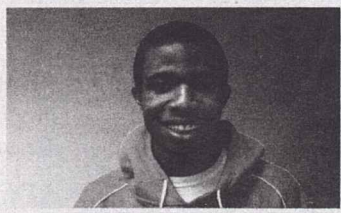
But we must realize that these distinctions, these groupings, are entirely products of our own minds. The similarities and differences exist, certainly, but we are the ones who decide which ones matter. It is when we begin to act as though the categories are fixed and permanent that we cross into dangerous territory.

This is why color no longer works, why it never really worked to begin with. It is impossible to contain any one person within a category as simple as that. But we do, just the same. We do in many areas of our lives: Oversimplify to make life easier. But we should not act as though those gross oversimplifications are absolute. They simply facilitate; they do not define.

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## COMMENTARY

## "Laundry room rage" needs some etiquette



DONOVAN JONES  
Columnist

If you're like most people, there has been at least one point in your life when you wandered into your room and had your senses shocked by an overwhelming "mystery scent." If you're lucky, you soon tracked down the culprit. In most cases, at least for me, I discover that the offender is either inside of my laundry bin or lying within a few feet of it. The sweat-soaked athletic gear has officially been lying around for too long and it's time to do the laundry.

Some of the fortunate ones among us have the luxury of making quick weekend trips home to have Mom do their laundry. The rest of us who are either unable or unwilling to make that trek home instead opt to make the trip down to the student laundry machines nearest to our dorms. The use of campus laundry machines has its pros. It's conveniently located and it gets the job done. But it also has

its cons. It's a weekly drain on your wallet as you fork up \$1 per load of washing and \$.75 per dryer. On top of that, there is almost always a waiting period one must endure in order to have some machines open up for use. At first, I tried doing my laundry on the weekend when I had time — big mistake. Later, I decided to start doing it in the mornings of the weekdays I had off. It was less crowded, but sometimes I still had to wait.

Well, a couple of weekends ago, I had the perfect plan. I'd reap all of the benefits of clean laundry while evading the long wait and high costs! Recently, Clemson offered free laundry machine use and I, like the average student, never mind saving a few bucks. Furthermore, I decided to do my laundry at a time when surely no one else would be doing theirs. I arrived in the laundry room at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday morning! In my mind it was an ingenious plan, but apparently many others had had the same idea. All of the washers were full!

Luckily, some of the washers had finished, but the clothes were still sitting in the washer. After a few minutes of waiting I eventually moved the person's clothes and started my laundry. Since I was behind on my laundry, I had made another trip to my room to pick up the rest of my clothes that I

had been unable to carry on my first trip. When I returned, to my surprise, I came across a very angry woman. Someone (I) had moved her clothes out of the washer while she was gone. She had been looking for her detergent and while she had been away searching, some jerk had stolen her washers. She then graciously returned the favor by unplugging the stolen washers mid-cycle. And she did it right in front of me, not knowing she was actually retaliating against me!

This incident was a very extreme — some might say comical — case of "laundry room rage." And frankly, it could have been avoided had I noticed that the clothes I removed from the washing machines were still dry, signifying that they had not been washed yet. (I know, dumb move on my part.) But give me a break. It was late. This, however, is beside the point.

The issue at hand is one of consideration for your fellow student. Unlike the above-mentioned example where there was an understandable reason for the occupied, unused laundry machines, more frequently people simply return to remove their laundry at their leisure, inconveniencing others in the process. And here arises the dilemma. Is it expected that the waiting customers remove the loads of laundry or wait patiently for the

owner of the laundry who may or not return for a long time? Unfortunately, either option is likely to upset at least one party involved.

Well, for at least the rest of the year we are going to run into each other, and having some "laundry etiquette" in place will help us to cohabit more peacefully.

Making an effort to arrive at the laundry room promptly and prepared when your laundry is finished is a good start. Make washing your laundry a weekly habit so you do not inconvenience the entire dorm by taking up half of the available washers with a month's load of dirty laundry. And if you are ever forced to move someone else's stuff, I strongly recommend that you only do so after ensuring that if it's in a washing machine, that the clothes have actually been washed, and if they are in the dryer, that they have been dried.

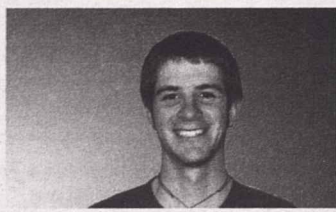
"Laundry etiquette" will inevitably make everyone's washroom experiences more bearable by eliminating these types of frustrating situations and by subsequently reducing the reoccurrence of "laundry room rage" on campus.

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## COMMENTARY

## Redfern vs. "Deadfern"



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So as a future med student, I'm hesitant to levy too much undue criticism on doctors — face it, you always take care of your own. However, I've had a few unnerving experiences (much like at least half of the student body) at Redfern that make me uneasy.

There was the time sophomore year where one of the doctors there thought I had a rather embarrassing form of cancer (rhymes with shmeenis), but a specialist simply confirmed it was nothing more than a birth defect (a sexy birth defect). Simple surgery = Naylor all better.

Then recently, I went to Redfern with some stomach troubles and was told to change my diet and eat more fiber. One week and a jar of Metamucil later and I couldn't sit upright without losing something through any orifice (ocular? Not so much). I ended up in Oconee Memorial where they discovered a bacterial infection that had been allowed to fester for far too long.

To be fair, that particular digestive condition pretty much tends to strike elderly women, so I can kind of see how the doctors at Redfern missed it (despite the fact that most of the nurse practitioners are indeed elderly women).

(I will, however, take this opportunity to point out that specific parts of my anatomy, as well as an adam's apple and a nice smattering of chest and facial hair render the me-being-an-elderly-woman hypothesis somewhat impossible.)

I'm not really going to fault the doctors at Redfern for anything — my conditions, in both cases, were ridiculously rare. They were extremely nice, helpful and willing to work with me once my conditions were realized.

But, is this how Redfern has attained its inferior reputation? I don't know. Part of me wants to chalk it up to students' discontent with the administration. And yet, a number of people I know complain about how they always get turned away by the nurse practitioners with a Z-pak and a pregnancy test.

One friend, after endless Z-

paks for her four-year case of bronchitis, asked for a different nurse practitioner and was told that she should never have gotten the Z-paks in the first place. That's quality care for you. Other students have complained about their prescriptions not matching their conditions at all.

So, all blame aside — whether or not it rests with students not communicating their needs or the Redfern staff being lazy — there's still something of a problem here, and it comes down to the fact that students just don't trust Redfern for much, it seems. I mean come on...they call it "Deadfern." Oh, many still go there for health-care — after all, it's already bought and paid for (a great deal, and one not enjoyed by many universities around the country). The attitude, however, seems to be one of resignation, that people don't really take Redfern seriously. Heck, I've even had professors talk about how the quality of care at surrounding practitioners in the Clemson area are worth the higher fees (also, in my experience, they won't tell you that you have shmeenis cancer if you don't have it).

I wish I had a great suggestion here to fix the problem, but I don't. I have, however, talked to some fellow students, and here are some results from my impromptu survey:

"More condom flowers."

"My chart says my tonsils have already been removed, stop asking!"

"Stop asking if I'm pregnant; I'm a male."

"More variety in condom selection."

"More female condoms... why is it always about us?"

"No more cold hands when palpating genitals."

"Do you have flavored diaphragms?"

"Ummm...I don't think Loritab is a cough medicine."

"I've never been to Redfern. It scares me."

So yeah, that bit about students not taking Redfern seriously... I guess the short answer is better communication between doctors and patients.

But, that's on a more intimate level, between the students and the Redfern staff. So, I guess it's up to you guys. Until then, we should at least campaign for more condom flowers.

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## COMMENTARY

## Organic foods not saving the world



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I had the unique experience of being raised by two parents from the New York area who decided to give up the city life and "go natural" on a small farm in Delaware. My brothers and I had a hand in raising and growing pretty much everything we ate. The family garden was truly a communal effort, and with the help of a few books, my father taught himself how to slaughter and butcher everything from steers to rabbits and almost single-handedly kept our freezer filled with meat. What my family experienced was a truly organic way of life.

Since it just isn't feasible for many families to make the drastic life change my parents did, grocery stores have done their best to meet the demand for organic products. Anyone who has stepped into a grocery store in the past two years is aware that organic options exist for everything from produce to pasta to bread to juices to candy. They even have organic beer. And toilet paper.

The attraction of the fad is that by buying organic products, consumers are entitled to feel good about being healthy and helping the environment while combating the large corporations that threaten to take over American culture, all without giving up the conveniences of having their food grown for them. It's a pretty good deal, and it only costs a few bucks more than the non-organic alternatives.

Unless, that is, you consider that the organic mass-culture is infused with hypocrisy.

Those who wish to topple corporations by supporting the organic food movement ought to think again. Not only are the companies supplying organic products to grocery chains not small farmers eking out a living, they are often just offshoots of already-established food corporations. Furthermore, the goal of preserving farming culture by

eliminating the mass production of grain and other ingredients is noble but also ignorant of reality. People are starving around the world — including in our own country.

The thought of large farms taking over small family establishments sickens me, but without corporate farms one would be hard-pressed to develop a solution for widespread hunger. In a similar vein, if residents of third-world countries had the quality of water required for a dairy cow to be raised organically, human death rates would plummet. It is very easy to lose sight of destitution elsewhere when we are all blinded by our own good fortune and prosperity: We are willing to sacrifice a few dollars for organic lettuce so we can feel good about ourselves, but won't do the same to save human lives.

Furthermore, the amount of good one does for one's health and the environment by supporting commercial organic farming is dwarfed by the damage done by otherwise destructive lifestyles. In other words, the mother who leaves her children in front of the television eating Swiss Rolls while she drives her SUV to the grocery store two miles away to pick up organic lettuce for dinner can hardly be said to have contributed in any way to the health of her family or the environment.

However, there are those who truly subscribe to the organic movement, and who live with true concern for the environment. Farmers around the world grow their own produce and meat products with the intention of providing their families with the best food available while leaving the smallest footprint possible on the earth. I salute those who accomplish all they set out to do because their cause is worthy. Consider supporting the roadside stands these individuals use to sell their surplus. To those who are disillusioned into believing that buying into the "organic fad" is better for their body and the environment, however, I suggest that they think long and hard about their priorities. One step forward and two miles back can hardly be considered progress.

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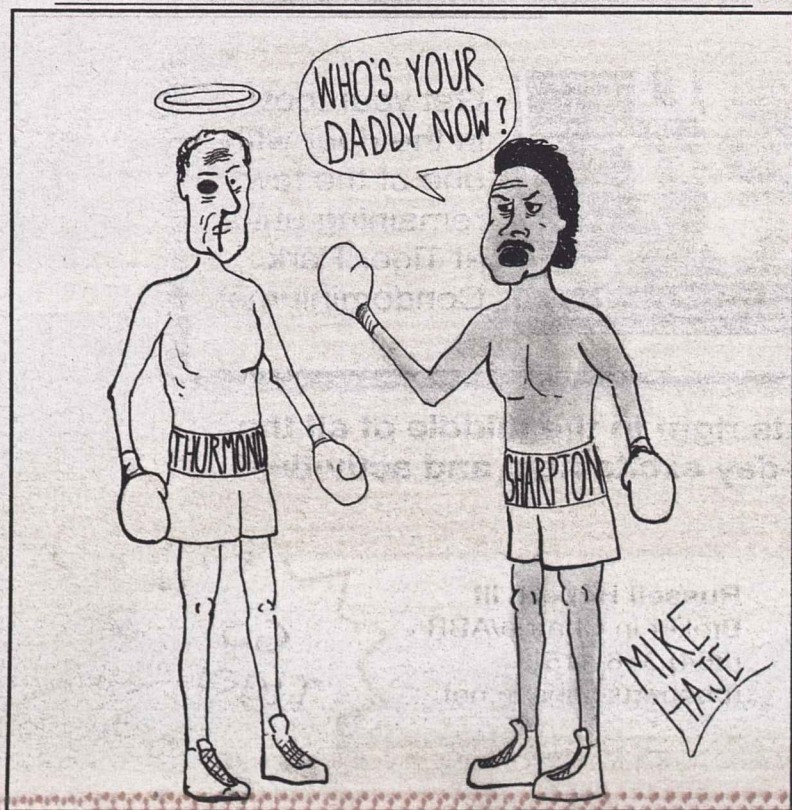
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## CARTOONS



## PAWS UP, PAWS DOWN

Now, that's stupid. A Kentucky woman tried to text her pot dealer, but typed the number wrong, reaching a cop. She was arrested.

A New Jersey town has gone to the dogs: It now fines owners of dogs that bark precisely "30 consecutive minutes on consecutive nights."

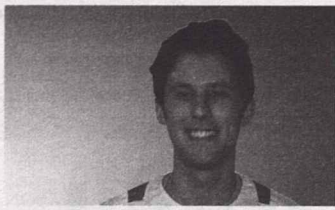
A man was married by the same judge in the same courtroom on the same day he was sentenced to five years in prison. Classy.

Oh, baby! A 15-month-old baby persuaded her baby sitter to buy her a \$.25 book from a thrift store. \$1,300 in cash was stashed inside.



COMMENTARY

# Question and answer about Lenten festivities



ERIK MAJKA

Columnist

The Catholic season of Lent began last week, and to commemorate, I thought that I would answer some FAQs while coming up with a few questions of my own.

You hear a lot of people talking about their "Lenten promises" during this time and you may be asking yourself what this is all about. The basic premise is that Catholics spend all year feeling really crappy and guilt-ridden and we want everyone else to know about it. Unfortunately, nobody would want to hang out with us if we did this all the time, not even other Catholics. What we came up with is this: every time someone mentions something fun, we can say "awwww, that's my favorite, but I gave

it up for Lent." Then you go, "oh wow, I could never do that!" and then we get a huge feeling of superiority. It's like a drug to us.

Did you know that Jesus never even got a degree? It's true. I feel like the Dalai Lama could beat Jesus on Jeopardy. Different deities competing on game shows would not only be extremely entertaining, but might also solve some important theological questions as well. If we ever perfect cloning or time travel, I think something like this needs to happen. Could you imagine Jesus spinning that big wheel on The Price is Right, or Buddha agonizing over whether or not to deal?

I like worshipping statues and all, but I don't feel as if there are enough in this area to satiate my pagan desires. Maybe I'll go light some candles in the botanical gardens...

I wonder if Catholics came up with the idea of sainthood because we needed a way to name churches. If that's the case, why do we only seem to use the same three names over and over? Also, how do you become the patron saint of something? When I was a kid and I lost something, I would always say a prayer to Saint

Anthony. Does that mean he lost things a lot or found things a lot? Did Saint Nick sneak into people's homes and put candy in their socks?

Let's bring back plenary indulgences. 'Nuff said.

People often want to know why Catholics can't have meat on Fridays in Lent. The answer is actually pretty straightforward. We believe that Jesus came to Earth to die for our sins and that during the forty days leading up to this event he wandered in the desert while the devil tempted him. So no meat on Fridays ... but fish is ok. Plus, Jesus was a Hindu.

Do you think the Pope ever hits snooze? I can barely face going to class some days, but he has to be the spiritual leader for over a billion people. We believe that he is the leader of Christ's church on Earth, which is ironic since he's not a Christian (so I've heard), but still, that has to be tiring work. If I was Pope, my alarm clock would be a full choir of the finest eunuchs, whose haunting and girlish melodies would gently awaken me from my slumber. Also, my name would be Pope Awesome I.

Of course, everything I've said was

completely tongue-in-cheek.

This really is a beautiful holiday season with a deep and profound meaning. In closing, I would like to leave you with my favorite Lenten prayer, taught to me by my Mother:

"Love, I don't like to see so much pain so much wasted and this moment keeps slipping away, I get so tired of working so hard for our survival, I look to the time with you to keep me awake and alive.

In your eyes  
The light the heat  
I am complete  
I see the doorway to a thousand churches  
the resolution of all the fruitless searches  
I see the light and the heat  
oh, I want to be that complete  
I want to touch the light  
the heat I see in your eyes.

All my instincts, they return  
and the grand facade, so soon will burn  
without a noise, without my pride  
I reach out from the inside."

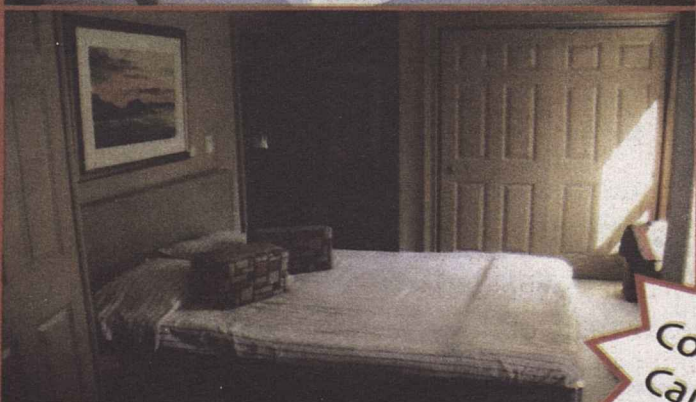
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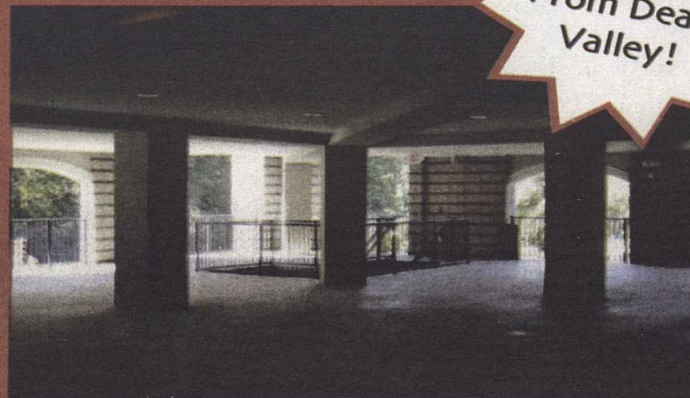


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## SPORTS

## Clemson has solid week at home

Baseball sweeps Pacific, follows with win against Winthrop.

**DANIEL TAYLOR**  
STAFF WRITER

Following an unexpected early loss to George Mason which cost the Tigers their No. 1 spot, Jack Leggett's squad went a perfect 4-0 in games last week against High Point and Pacific. Despite facing weaker out-of-conference opponents, Clemson was forced to come from behind in each of its four games. Fortunately, Leggett's Tigers were able to rally from behind, and outstanding pitching closed out each contest.

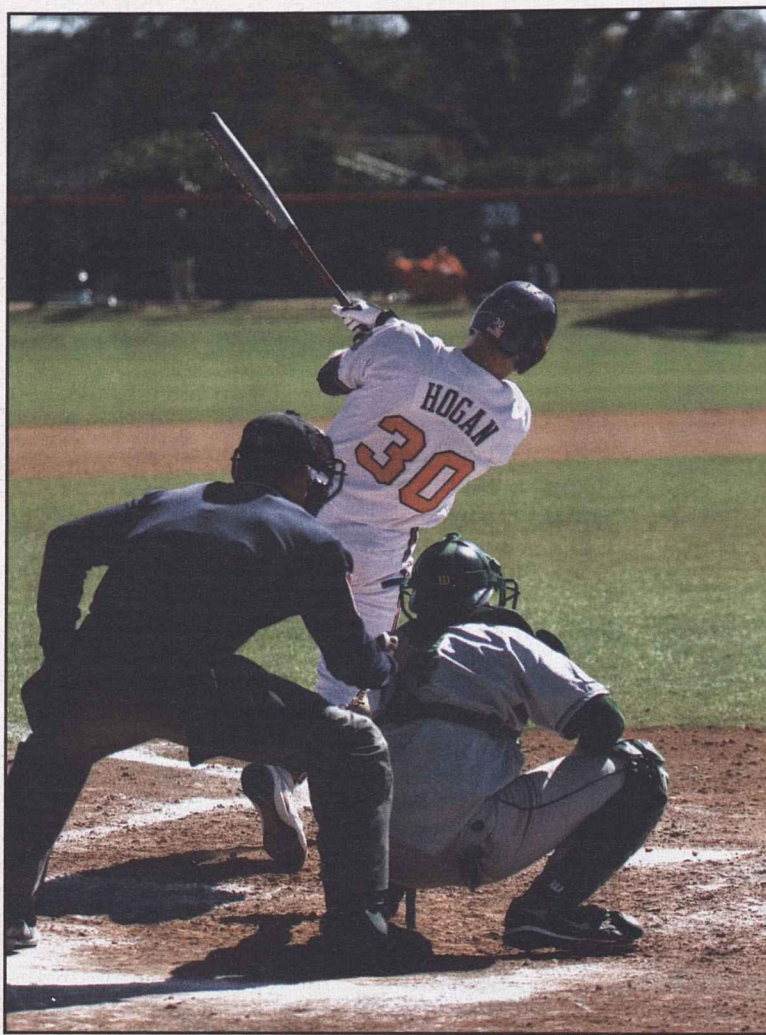
The first game fell in the middle of last week on Wednesday. Not many of the 3,880 fans in attendance expected much of a battle between their now No. 2 Tigers and the 2-5 High Point Panthers. However, starting pitcher Josh Thraikill gave up two singles to start the game, and both Panthers runners stole bases to put them in scoring position with no outs. A sacrifice fly and a double would score two runs before Thraikill could retire the side. The quick strike of the Panthers offense came a shock against the talented Tigers. However, High Point's two run lead was fleeting as Clemson went back on top with a monster 6-run inning in

the bottom of the third.

During the rally the Tigers were able to bat around allowing 11 batters to step up to the plate in the inning. A two-run homer by designated hitter Ben Paulsen highlighted the third inning offensive fury. The blast over the right field fence was the freshman's first hit in a Clemson uniform.

Once they notched a comfortable lead, the Tigers were able to settle in and pound the weaker Panthers. In the bottom of the sixth, the game was delayed due to heavy fog. After more than a three-hour wait, the umpire called the game, and the Tigers were awarded the victory as they were on top, 11-3. Almost every batter in the order contributed to Clemson's convincing win. Everyone below the No. 2 spot in the order scored and drove in at least one run.

After High Point, the Clemson Tigers took off one day before commencing a three-game series with the Pacific Tigers. As with High Point, Pacific was not expected to give Clemson much of a challenge, but they proved to be a pesky opponent. At the end of four innings in game one, Pacific held a 3-0 lead. Although they gave Clemson a slight scare, the hometown Tigers were able to tie the game in the fifth and jump out ahead five runs in the sixth. Hot hitting by Marquez Smith and Taylor Harbin was the catalyst of the eight-run spurt. The two Tigers combined for five RBIs



LIZ HUNTER / assistant photo editor

**STROKE IT:** Clemson junior catcher Doug Hogan swings for the fences against George Mason in action earlier this season at Tiger Field. The Tigers will once again be at home this Saturday.

and left no men on base.

However, the game ball for the initial match up should probably go to Stephen Clyne for his effort in relief pitching. Brought in with two outs left in the fourth, Clyne pitched 5.1 innings of shutout baseball.

Allowing only three hits and one walk, Clyne struck out five of 21 batters faced and was awarded the win.

The two Tigers clubs quickly resumed action the fol-

see **BATS**, page C7

## Track teams perform well at ACCs

Clemson hosted ACC Indoor Track and Field Championships last weekend.

**TYRONE GAYLE**  
STAFF WRITER



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**DOUBLE THREAT:** Jacoboby Ford, also a member of the Tiger football team, set an ACC record in the 60-meter dash.

Last weekend, the ACC Indoor Track and Field Championships were held at Clemson for the second time in its history and the men's and womens track teams put up some performances that left many onlookers in shock and awe.

Day one of the championships saw Clemson's Liane Weber claim her first pentathlon championship while teammate Linda Bucholz placed fifth in the same event. Day two saw a feat nearly as impressive when Ryan Koontz broke the ACC record in the decathlon but fell to Wake Forest's Brandon Larue, who also beat the old record for a runner up finish. In addition, sophomore long jumper George Fields captured his first ACC championship in the event.

"I didn't jump as far as I wanted to, but I'm glad I got the win," said Fields.

High jumper Adam Linkenauger failed in his attempt to become the first Clemson athlete to win seven consecutive ACC titles in their event, but still finished in a respectable third place.

As expected, the track was lit up by the men's 60m dash preliminary rounds when freshman sprinter Jacoboby Ford broke the ACC record in the

event (6.53) in front of a standing-room only crowd at the indoor track. Clemson qualified four men for the final that to be contested the next day.

Later that night, Matt Clark earned his first All-ACC accolade by placing third in the 5,000m run. The night concluded with a spectacular anchor leg by Itay Magidi on the distance medley relay that saw him take the handoff in a distant 11th place, only to carry the team to a fifth place finish.

At the end of the second day, the Clemson men's team led the field of 12 with 37 points. The third and final day brought joy to some, but great disappointment to others. It began with Clemson's Itay Magidi placing fourth in the mile after leading the first six laps.

Jacoby Ford brought the crowd to their feet and left them there after breaking his own record in the 60m finals (6.52) to take the win, while three other

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## Know when to quit



**ERIC SPROTT**

sports editor

Just like every season since I got sick of the NBA in middle school, I have largely ignored what's going on this year. I know Allen Iverson is now a Denver Nugget and that the Eastern Conference is still pretty terrible compared to its Western counterpart. It seems pretty terrible for the sports editor not to have a clue what's going on, but I can't stand watching that garbage anymore.

It takes something serious, like a brawl, for the NBA to garner my attention these days. However, my attention was caught when I heard that Scottie Pippen, of all people, is throwing around the idea of suiting up once again. Pippen, who has not been on the court since the 2003-2004 season when he went back to Chicago, has been working as a television analyst for ABC and ESPN over the past couple of years. It seemed as if Pippen had left the game at the right time, though forced by injury, and had settled into a lucrative post-basketball career where his fans could still see him.

Though Pippen is sometimes looked over in history because of his famous teammate who immortalized the number 23, his accomplishments on the court speak for themselves. He made seven consecutive all-star game appearances between the 1989-1990 and 1996-1997 seasons and was also named one of the NBA's 50 greatest players during the 1996 season.

He, along with Michael Jordan and former Clemson Tiger Horace Grant, helped lead Chicago's successful triangle offense that helped lead the Bulls to three consecutive NBA titles in the early '90s. He was also known for his defensive prowess from the small forward position, earning All-defensive teams honors 10 times over his career.

Like most kids, I was a big Bulls fan in the Jordan era. Much like the Braves being on TBS constantly, the Bulls were always on WGN, the Chicago super-station, so I tuned in nightly to watch Phil Jackson's team regularly dominate their opponents.

The association of Pippen and the red and white of the Bulls is

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# Tigers on the outside looking in, but still alive

Clemson keeps NCAA Tournament hopes alive with overtime victory.

**ASHLEY SWOAP**  
SPORTS LAYOUT EDITOR

After losing nine of their last 11 games, Clemson was able to get a rare win on Wednesday at home against the Miami Hurricanes by a final score of 74-70 in overtime. The Tigers were in a must-win situation, and even though their execution was shaky at best, they hit only 14 of their 31 free throws, they still came out with the win that technically keeps their NCAA Tournament hopes alive.

Clemson (20-9, 6-9 ACC) will now need to win their next game on Sunday on the road against Virginia Tech and win a couple of games in the ACC Tournament to earn an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament. In a more unlikely scenario, if the Tigers run the table in the ACC Tournament, they will receive an automatic bid to the big dance.

Taking a look back over the ACC regular season, the officiating mistake that possibly cost Clemson basketball a much desired win over rival Duke back in January has haunted the Tigers all through 2007. The Tigers had the opportunity to give Duke a little payback last Thursday night when the two teams faced off in Littlejohn Coliseum.

A Clemson rebound quickly brought the players to the

other end of the court where K.C. Rivers put Clemson on the scoreboard first by nailing a three-pointer. In response, Duke returned with a dunk. Before anyone had a chance to react, the ball was back down the court, passed to Trevor Booker and slam dunked to extend the Clemson lead. The fans in Littlejohn exploded into applause. Clemson was ahead with an 8-7 lead five minutes into the first half. Almost immediately, the Tigers lost the lead.

They hovered behind the Blue Devils for about five more minutes, then Duke pulled away and extended their lead to an incredible 24 points as the clock wound down. Things seemed pretty desolate for Oliver Purnell and his Tiger squad, but the second showed that the Tigers still had some fight in them. In 11 minutes of play, Duke was limited to seven points. Clemson, meanwhile, was on fire, scoring 22 points in that amount of time. The struggle for the lead went on for the next nine minutes, with Clemson getting within five points of Duke. Unfortunately, that was as close as they were going to get. The game ended with a 71-66 Duke victory.

Poor free-throw shooting plagued the Tigers once again, but they had to turn around quickly as they traveled to Boston College just two days later. The Tigers' fatigue and lack of practice time and showed in the Tigers performance last Saturday in Chestnut Hill, Mass.

The Tigers suffered another disappointing five-point deficit loss to the Eagles. The Tigers

had a lead going into halftime, but that quickly slipped away as the second half began, with the Eagles outscoring the Tigers in the second half by nine. The final score of the game was 59-54 Boston College, leaving the Tigers with a long sad ride back to Clemson. This game also showed the pathetic free throw statistic, with Clemson only making 50 percent of their free throws compared to Boston College's 83 percent free throw percentage.

Getting back to the Miami game, the Tigers received a huge performance from forward James Mays, who was back in the starting lineup after coming off the bench in the games against Duke and Boston College.

The junior led the Tigers with 19 points, collected 10 rebounds and also had four assists. K.C. Rivers, making a rare start, also added 14 points. Trevor Booker and Vernon Hamilton also scored in double digits for the Tigers, with 12 and 10 points, respectively.

After a mainly back and forth game, the Tigers found themselves up 56-49 late in the game, but Clemson went scoreless over the last five minutes of regulation, letting Miami tie the game at 59-59 to force overtime. Luckily, the Tigers were able to hit their free throws in the end and escaped with the crucial 74-70 victory.

Besides the valuable conference game, Wednesday marked the last regular-season home game for senior Vernon Hamilton. He is the final player recruited by former head coach

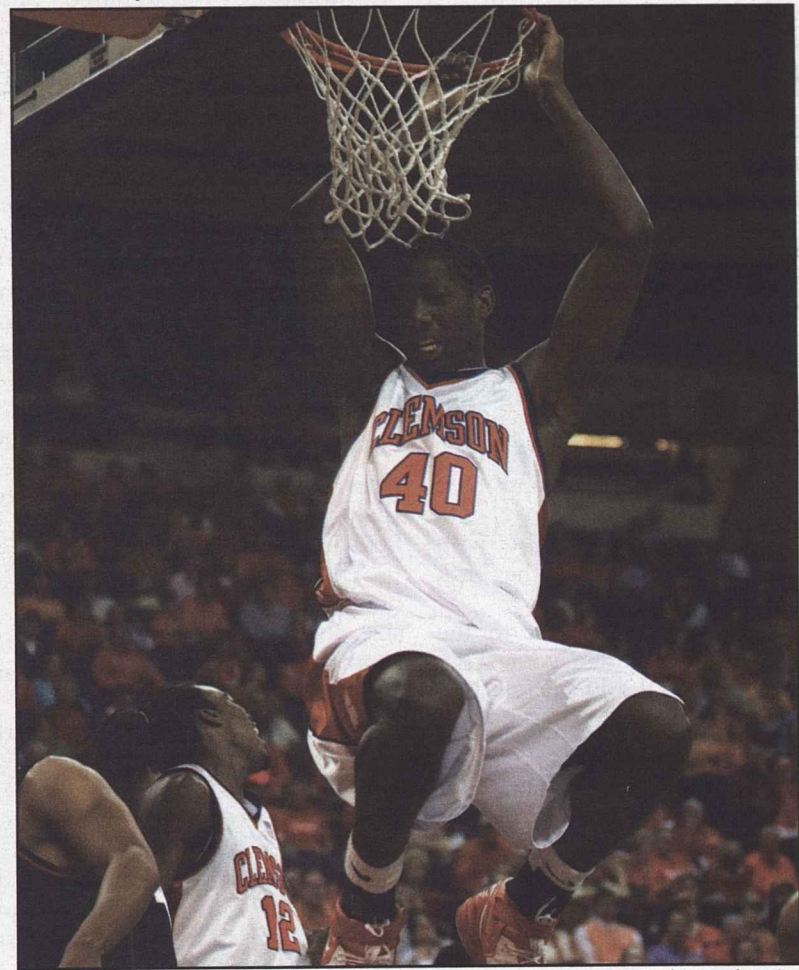
Larry Shyatt to pass through the Clemson system.

Hamilton has 257 career steals, including four against Miami, ranking him as the career leader in steals in Clemson history. His play has improved dramatically since his freshman year, and his contributions to the program will not soon be forgotten.

His days at Littlejohn may

not be numbered yet. If the Tigers end up in the National Invitational Tournament, Clemson will likely host a game or two later this month.

Clemson's regular season finale will be on Sunday when they travel to Virginia Tech. Tip-off is scheduled for 1 p.m. and the game will be televised by the Raycom/Lincoln Financial Network.



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**POWER SLAM:** James Mays and the Tigers hope to finish the season on a winning note this Sunday at Virginia Tech.

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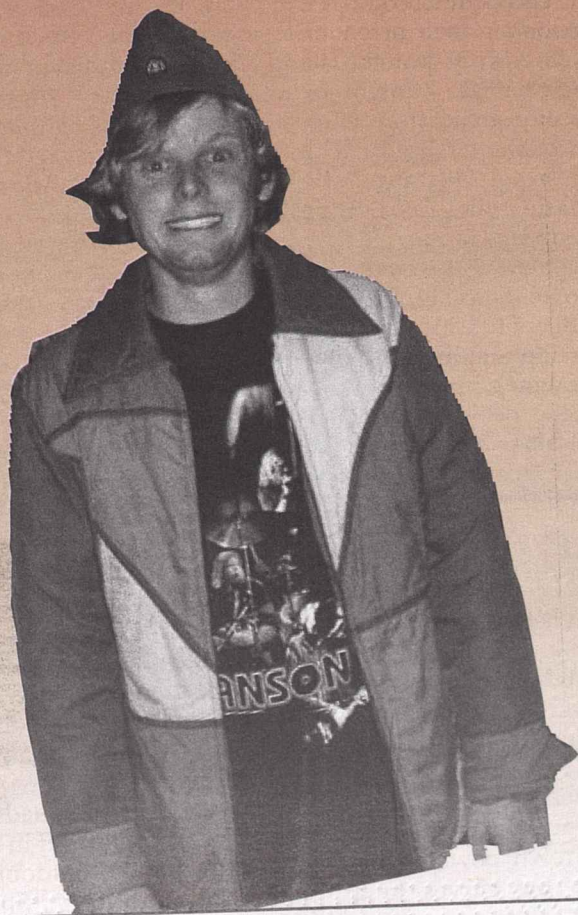
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# Tigers impress at combine

Gaines Adams and other former gridders work out for NFL scouts.

**WILL MCCAMERON**  
STAFF WRITER

Just try and imagine the following scenario: work out till you can't move on Friday, then you run five miles afterwards.

The next morning you wake up at 6 a.m., get to the airport and board a plane with seats that are way too small.

After you wait on your baggage, you grab a cab; "RCA Stadium, please." As soon as you get there, a microphone is shoved in your face.

People are measuring your arms and hands, pinching your skin, making you lift more weights even though your arms are about to fall off and time starts to fly by.

You put on a shirt with "Adams" pressed on the back they give you.

Then you head out to the field, stretch, tighten your shoelaces and run the 40-yard dash in 4.64 seconds, the fastest out of all the other defensive linemen.

Your fate is sealed and your agent comes up to tell you that "you don't have to worry about money anymore" before he scurries off in an Ari Gold-like fashion to scream at someone on his cell phone.

The experience of the NFL combine might have gone something like this for former Clemson defensive end Gaines Adams.

NFL scouts have been salivating over tapes of Gaines Adams crushing tiny UNC players for a few months now, and they have

been dying to get him on a football field to see what he can do first hand.

All eyes were on the consensus All-American at this week's NFL combine, and he did not disappoint at all.

Along with his performance at the 40-yard dash, Gaines also posted a broad jump of 9'11" and 35 inches on his vertical jump.

In short, Gaines Adams is everything the world of professional sports thought he was: an athlete in all senses of the word.

Adams has been rated by many people as the fourth most valuable player in this year's draft. However, he probably won't go until the seventh pick of the first round.

One thing is for sure, he has separated himself from the rest as the top defensive lineman in the draft, leapfrogging previous holder of that title, Jamaal Anderson from Arkansas.

The things that scouts are most impressed with are his wing span, his mental presence on the field and his hard work ethic.

The only thing that seems to hinder Adams is his smaller body size, although many have speculated that he could add another good 15 to 25 pounds of muscle with the correct weight training program.

On the flip side, something that pro scouts have picked up on is his ability to drop back into coverage if needed because of his size and speed.

He has also given some scouts a look as an outside linebacker for a 3-4 defensive scheme because of his weakness as well.

He is doing a great job of making lemonade from lemons.

He improved his discipline and technique against the run as well during his junior and senior seasons under the tutelage

of Clemson defensive line coach Chris Rumph and defensive coordinator Vic Koenning.

The two coaches helped Adams hone his valuable skills as well as helping him be aware of things that helped take him to the next level.

Adams will join his former teammate and defensive line buddy Charles Bennett in the NFL ranks.

Last year, Bennett was drafted in the seventh round by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Fortunately for the Clemson football program, they can now brag that, along with Adams, they sent five Tigers to the combine this year.

Unfortunately for our football team, two of those players never got to complete their senior season in Death Valley.

Former Tiger linebacker Anthony Waters ended his season last year in the first game via a torn ACL when the Tigers trumped Florida Atlantic.

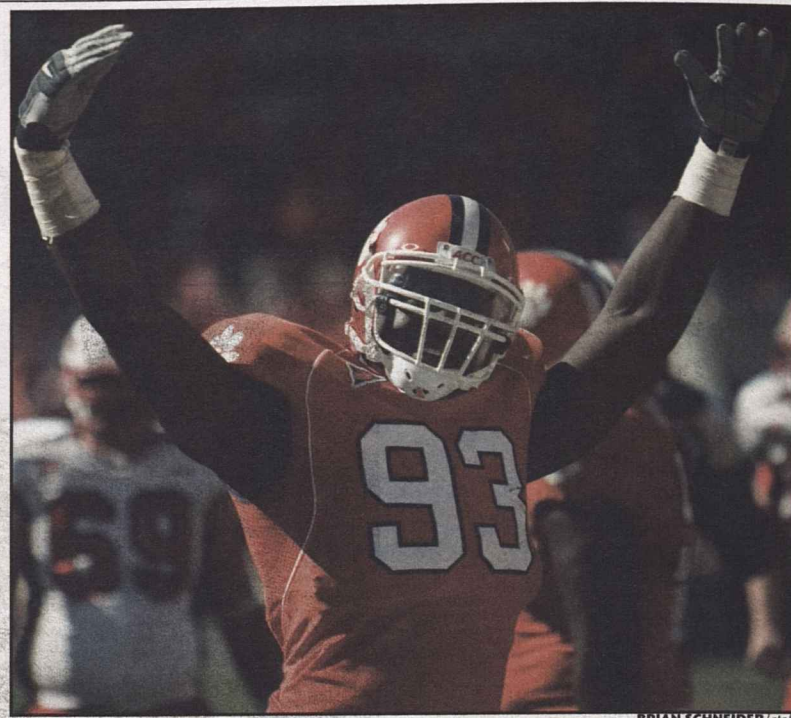
Waters used his time wisely though, making leaps and bounds with his upper body strength and providing leadership and help to his teammates from the sidelines.

Waters, still a little shaky on his feet, did not participate in running drills, but he did compete in everything else.

On the bench press, he had 25 repetitions of 225 pounds.

The other former Tiger with eligibility remaining, cornerback C.J. Gaddis, decided to forego his senior year and enter the draft early after his rollercoaster junior year last season.

Gaddis possesses great strength as well as blazing speed, attributes that helped him make his decision to jump early for the NFL. He ran a 4.45 in the 40-yard dash, one of the faster times for day six.



**GET LOUD:** Consensus All-American Gaines Adams has continued to increase his stock for the upcoming NFL draft.

He also had 20 repetitions of 225 pounds on the bench press, which is impressive seeing as most defensive backs in the draft only manage to make it to the mid-teens.

Many experts thought he needed another year from his up and down season last year, though physically he is more than ready for the next level and can learn what he needs to from coaches on his further team.

Two other former Clemson players at skill position that were invited to the NFL combine were cornerback Duane Coleman and wide receiver Chansi Stuckey.

Both men put up average numbers but that can be attributed to their off season schedules.

All is well however, because both make up for their average numbers at the combine from their performances during games and their leadership qualities.

Stuckey and Coleman have game changing abilities and

attributes.

Stuckey is known for simply making jaw-dropping circus catches that he makes seem impossibly easy.

Coleman seems to have a knack for knocking lungs loose and having perfect coverage technique and closing speed.

Coleman's worries should be focused elsewhere as he has been red flagged for his off the field problems, more than likely spurned by his recent arrest on charges of possession of marijuana.

Offensive linemen Dustin Fry and Nathan Bennett also participated in drills in Indianapolis, hoping to catch the eyes of NFL teams.

Overall, Clemson's combine invitees gave solid performances that can only help them with their transition to the NFL.

Clemson has set its pro-day for NFL scouts to take place on Tuesday, March 13 at the Clemson Indoor Track Facility.

## SECOND: Men fall just short of overall title *from page C1*

Clemson athletes Travis Padgett, Corey Brown, and CJ Spiller to fourth, sixth and eighth finished respectively. Ford and Brown carried their momentum into the 200m to finish third and fourth, respectively.

Pole vaulter Mitch Greeley could not capitalize on his No. 1 seed in his event and finished second, but still collected All-ACC honors. In the meet's most dramatic event, the men's 4x400m relay, Clemson still had a chance to maintain their pride despite already having lost the meet to Florida State. Cowin Mills took it out strong on the leadoff leg, handing off in third place to Andrew "Sunshine" Porter.

On the second lap of his leg, Porter bolted past Florida State and Wake Forest on the backstretch to pull away and hand off to sophomore transfer Travis Swaggard who took off right on the heels of Wake Forest. On the first curve of his second lap, Swaggard motioned to the Clemson men's team section with a fist pump that left some confused yet motivated the team to cheer even louder. Bumped from behind, Swaggard had the baton knocked out of his left hand in mid-air only to catch it a half second later in his right hand all during the last 150m of his leg.

He handed off to Corey Brown just one step behind the leader and Brown powered his way through the curves to a

blanket finish with Maryland and Wake Forest.

Brown's 48.60 anchor leg helped Clemson secure a third place finish overall in the relay, and each member of the team earned All-ACC honors. Unfortunately, the success of the relay wasn't enough to overcome the fact that Clemson placed to Florida State for the fifth straight year, this time by 21.5 points.

The Lady Tigers, paced by Polly Hardy and Krystal Barringer in the 60m hurdles and Patricia Mamona in the triple jump, placed fifth overall which was a six place improvement from a year ago. Della Clark, one of the top throwers in the nation, finished as the runner up in the weight throw.

Freshman Caroline Kennedy also had an impressive weekend as well by placing third in the polevault.

The Orlando, Fla. native became the first Lady Tiger pole-vaulter to earn All-ACC honors since Mandy McLane in 2001.

A few individuals will be competing next weekend at last chance meets in order to try to qualify for the NCAA Championships on March 9 to 10. Currently, the men have provisionally or automatically qualified nine athletes for National while the women's team has qualified five.

The rest of both squads will take a few weekends off in order to prepare for the outdoor season.



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# Covering the bases



## Baseball America Top 25 Poll

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2. Clemson
3. Vanderbilt
4. South Carolina
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7. Virginia
8. Florida State
9. Oregon State
10. Cal State Fullerton
11. Wichita State
12. Miami
13. Texas
14. Arizona State
15. Georgia Tech
16. San Diego
17. Pepperdine
18. Nebraska
19. Long Beach State
20. UC Riverside
21. Oklahoma State
22. Coastal Carolina
23. UCLA
24. NC State
25. Texas A&M



**EYE OF THE TIGER:** Clemson third baseman Marquez Smith prepares to tee-off on a pitch in action earlier this season. The Tigers will need him to stay hot as they take on South Carolina.

## ACC

### Standings

Team	Conf.	Overall
<b>Atlantic</b>		
Florida State	0-0	14-0
NC State	0-0	9-1
Clemson	0-0	7-1
Maryland	0-0	7-2
Wake Forest	0-0	5-3
BC	0-0	0-3
<b>Coastal</b>		
UNC	0-0	9-0
Virginia	0-0	11-1
Duke	0-0	10-1
Virginia Tech	0-0	5-3
Georgia Tech	0-0	6-5
Miami	0-0	6-5

### JOSH FORT STAFF WRITER

The second-ranked Clemson baseball team has shown a lot of heart just seven games into the 2007 season. Last weekend, the Tigers (6-1) recorded their first series sweep of the year against the Pacific Tigers but were forced to come from behind in each of its three wins.

This weekend, the Tigers meet fourth ranked South Carolina (8-1) in a two game series. Clemson leads the all-time series 162-111-2. Game one will be held at Doug Kingsmore Stadium and will get underway at 2 p.m. For game two, Clemson will take to the road for the first time this year to face Ray Tanner's ball club in Columbia, S.C. Sunday's first pitch is scheduled for 1:30 p.m.

The Gamecocks come into the series fresh off of a three-game sweep of Eastern Michigan. South Carolina has played two road games (1-1), four neutral games (4-0) and three home contests (3-0).

One reason for the Gamecocks success thus far has come from their pitching.

Junior right hander Harris Honeycutt took home the victory over Eastern Michigan Friday, pushing his record to 3-0. On Friday, Honeycutt pitched seven scoreless innings, allowed three hits and struck out

nine batters in the 6-0 win.

Blake Cooper and Nick Fuller have also been strong out of the bullpen, as neither has allowed a run in three appearances each.

As a team, South Carolina has an SEC leading ERA of 2.41 in 82 innings. The Gamecocks have given up 65 hits, 20 walks and struck out 88 batters.

The defense behind the pitcher has also been stellar for South Carolina as their team fielding percentage is .985. In nine games played, Gamecock defenders have made just five errors.

Leading South Carolina's offensive onslaught is junior catcher Phil Disher. The Aiken, S.C., native is hitting .424 this year with three homeruns, 13 RBIs and nine runs.

Also providing some run support for the Gamecocks is freshman infielder Lonnie Chisenhall. On the year, Chisenhall is batting .405 with four doubles, two triples, a homerun and 10 RBIs.

Clemson's pitching has also been solid this season. As a team, they are holding opponents to a .241 batting average overall and a .149 average with runners in scoring position. Tiger pitchers have combined for 66 strikeouts and 20 walks.

David Kopp has yet to allow a run in two starts this season. P.J. Zocchi has served as the team's other starter.

In his two starts this year, Zocchi has pitched

just more than nine innings, yielding five hits, three earned runs and striking out ten.

The bullpen has proven to be an asset for Jack Leggett's crew. Senior Stephen Clyne went five and a third scoreless innings Friday night, upping his scoreless innings streak to 23, dating back to last season. California native Daniel Moskos continues to pitch well for Clemson. In game one on Saturday, Moskos went three innings in relief to earn the win.

At the plate, outfielder Brad Chalk is leading the team with an average of .481 and a .576 on-base percentage. Catcher Doug Hogan has erupted this season, hitting .444 with four homeruns, seven RBIs and a whopping slugging percentage of .963.

Shortstop Stan Widmann is also hitting over the .400 mark this season at .409 with one homerun and six RBIs.

Third baseman Marquez Smith has also played well for the Tigers.

Smith exploded at the plate over the Tigers' last four games going 8-17 with a triple, a homerun and seven RBIs. Smith leads the team in RBIs this season with nine.

Both of the games can be heard on WCCP 104.9 FM in the Clemson area. Each of the games can also be followed through the Gametracker feature at [clemsonigers.com](http://clemsonigers.com). Saturday's game will be available via Web cast on [clemsonigers.com](http://clemsonigers.com).



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HOGAN

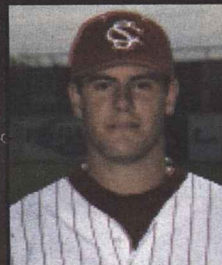
## KEY PLAYERS

Though the Tigers' bats have struggled at times so far this season, two constants for the Tigers have been third baseman Marquez Smith and catcher Doug Hogan.

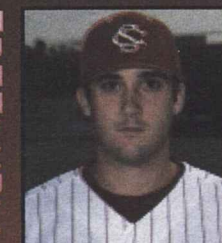
Smith has thrived early on, with an impressive series against Pacific last weekend.

Hogan, in his first season as a starter, has a batting average in the mid .400s and has provided offense at a position that has not had much offensive production much in recent years.

DISHER



HONEYCUTT



The Gamecocks are also near the top of the national polls right along with Clemson. Like the Tigers, they have fallen to a lowly out-of-conference opponent, the Citadel, while thriving otherwise.

Phil Disher has been leading the Gamecocks offensively, with a .424 batting average. He will need to keep producing to combat Clemson's solid pitching.

The pitching ace has been Harris Honeycutt, who has an impressive 3-0 record in the young 2007 campaign.

## KEY PLAYERS

**Tigers** vs. **Gamecocks**



# Tigers look to keep up momentum after win

Basketball goes on the road looking to upset Virginia Tech.

**ALAN SMITH**  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The ACC regular season will conclude for the Clemson basketball team Sunday as the Tigers travel to Blacksburg, Va., to take on the Virginia Tech Hokies. Clemson (20-9, 6-9 ACC) is trying to end its season on a positive note after a disastrous slide that has all but ended their once-promising NCAA Tournament hopes.

The surprising Virginia Tech squad (20-8, 10-4), on the other hand, hopes to earn at least a share of the regular season ACC title with a win over the Tigers. As of Wednesday night, the Hokies were in a three-way tie with North Carolina and Virginia for first place in the conference.

The Tigers have been heading in the wrong direction since a nation-best 17-0 start, losing nine of their last 12 games, although they did beat Miami on Wednesday in overtime to end a four-game losing skid. At this point, Clemson would have to go on a miraculous run to have a shot at making the NCAA Tournament, which would involve a win over the Hokies and two wins in the ACC Tournament, all of which will be very difficult to accomplish.

Virginia Tech holds a 10-7 series edge against the Tigers, including a 2-2 record since joining the ACC. All four of those meetings were nail-biters, having been decided by a total of 10 points, with three of the four decided by two points or less.

Last season, Clemson lost a 75-74 heartbreaker at home to Virginia

Tech in overtime. However, the Tigers got their revenge later on that season, finishing the game with a 14-2 run to defeat the Hokies 86-81 in Blacksburg, spoiling their Senior Day. Ironically, Sunday's game will mark the third straight season that one of these two teams has faced the other on their Senior Day. Clemson is hoping to make it three straight in these situations.

Many Clemson students and fans remember the "Senior Day Miracle" against the Hokies in Littlejohn in 2005. Trailing 64-61, senior Olu Babalola, not exactly known for his outside shooting, shocked the home crowd by knocking down a three-pointer with 10 seconds left to tie the game. Then, as Virginia Tech hurried down the court, Shawan Robinson stole a pass around the free throw line and hauled it down-court to senior Sharrod Ford, who dunked it at the buzzer to cap a thrilling finish.

Unfortunately for the Tigers, they will be facing a much stronger Virginia Tech team this year than in the past couple of seasons. The Hokies are a lock to make it to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1996 and have only lost one game at home, although that loss was to N.C. State.

There is no doubt that Virginia Tech is a very good team, but they have been wildly inconsistent at times. The Hokies' list of quality wins is as impressive as any team in the country. Amazingly, they have beaten North Carolina twice and won at Duke. However, Virginia Tech has also suffered a number of head-scratching defeats. In non-conference play, the Hokies lost to Western Michigan and Marshall. They have only lost four ACC games, but two of them were to N.C. State. Also, their last two defeats were by 21 to Boston College and by 25 to N.C. State.

The Hokies have a very bal-

anced lineup, but Dowdell is the unquestioned leader of the team. The senior is averaging 18.1 points per game and scored 33 points in the win over UNC on Feb. 13. Jamon Gordon, an excellent defender, and A.D. Vassillo, a versatile wingman who is a solid outside shooter, join Dowdell to form a dangerous backcourt.

Coleman Collins and Deron Washington lead the Hokies' frontcourt. While not huge or dominant, both players are reliable and are more than good enough to take the pressure off of Dowdell and Gordon.

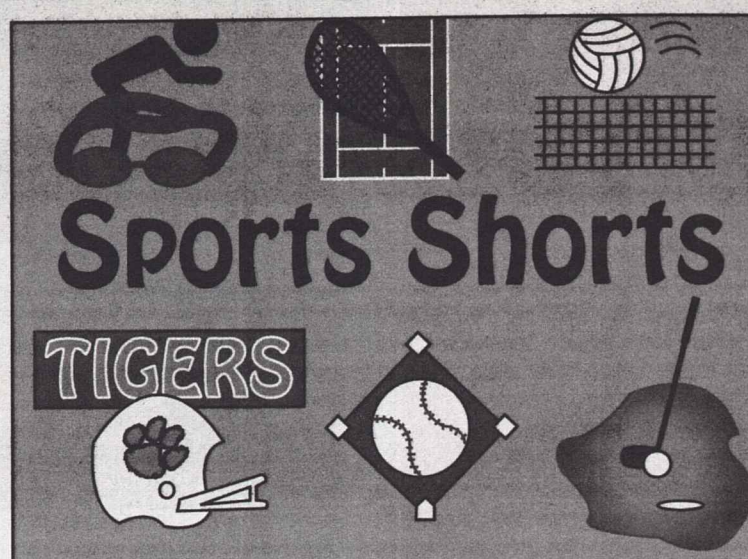
Virginia Tech is fast, athletic and can score from anywhere on the court. Therefore, the Tigers must stay alert and energetic on defense. The Tigers have struggled defending the baseline during their late-season slide, although it has improved slightly over the last couple of games. James Mays, Trevor Booker and Sam Perry are all great defenders and will really need to stand strong in the paint since the Hokie guards are known for attacking inside.

In fact, the inside play of Clemson will go a long way in determining the outcome of the game. In each of Virginia Tech's four ACC losses, their opponent dominated the paint offensively. If Mays and Booker can consistently hit shots, then the Tigers will have a good chance of pulling off the upset. Also, the Hokies are not a great rebounding team, so Mays and Booker could really provide the Tigers with a boost if they can rule the boards.

Most importantly, Clemson must avoid long scoring droughts, especially towards the end of the game. Lately, the Tigers have been unable to finish off games, thanks mostly to their inability to make any shots down the stretch. Vernon Hamilton and Cliff Hammonds can't panic late in the

game and must make smart decisions. Often, the Tigers throw up too many premature three-point attempts instead of looking for high-percentage shots. Hamilton tends to be more effective when he penetrates inside and looks for an open shot or a teammate to dish it off to. Hammonds and K.C. Rivers can be great outside shooters, though, as long as they're patient. Hammonds, in particular, has stepped up his three-point shooting this year, while Rivers is still

trying to regain his early-season form. It has been a nightmarish last few weeks for Clemson basketball and the odds are certainly against them on the road at Virginia Tech. However, the Tigers finally pulled out a close victory, which could be just what the team needs right now. If they can follow with a road victory over a ranked opponent, it would do wonders for the team's confidence and give them a much-needed boost heading into the ACC Tournament.



Rowing kicks off 2007 season while tennis teams and golf plow on.

**HOKE HILL**  
STAFF WRITER

## Golf

The Tigers traveled to Puerto Rico this week to compete in the Puerto Rico Classic at the Westin Rio Mar Country Club course. Clemson finished the tournament tied for second with Stanford, trailing champions from the University of Georgia by only one stroke. Clemson defeated three noteworthy teams in the field. Florida, ranked first in the nation by the Golf World Coaches Poll, had a somewhat disappointing outing. They finished ninth.

Other teams of note included defending national champion Oklahoma State, which finished sixth, and Alabama, No. 1 in the nation according to the Sagarin computer poll, finished fourth. Three Tigers placed in the top 10, including two freshmen. Junior Tanner Ervin tied for eighth with fellow Tiger Sam Saunders. Kyle Stanley, a freshman classmate of Saunders, finished in 10th place.

Stanley has been named to the Ben Hogan watch list, given to the top collegiate golfer by the Colonial Country Club of Texas and the Golf Coaches Association of America. Stanley is one of 23 athletes named to the list and currently has a 71.0 stroke average at Clemson. The Tigers are currently ranked in the top ten of the Coaches Association poll.

## Rowing

The Clemson Women's Rowing team will open the

spring season tomorrow against Eastern Michigan University. The Lady Tigers are looking to build on the success they had during the fall season where the Championship team had a first place finish in the Tail of the Tiger, an event hosted by Clemson on Lake Hartwell, and a fourth place finish at the Head of the Hooch in Chattanooga, Tenn. Tomorrow's event will start at 9 a.m. on Lake Hartwell.

## Tennis

The men's tennis team hosted the Spring Men's Tennis Classic last weekend, with teams from southeast region coming to campus. Clemson defeated both Southern Mississippi and Morehead State in straight sets, 7-0. The two victories move the Tigers to 11-3 on the season. Against Morehead State, each of the Tigers won their singles matches in straight sets, and Rok Bizjak, Ryan Young and Kevin Fleck won their matches against Southern Mississippi in straight sets as well. Clemson will open the ACC season at home today against Florida State. The match will start at 2:30 p.m.

The women's team has climbed to a top-12 national ranking with a 7-2 record on the year. Last week, the Lady Tigers defeated rival South Carolina, 5-2. Ani Mijacka won the top singles match-up over Gamecock Gira Schofield, 4-6, 6-3 and 7-5. Estefania Balda, Federica van Adrichem and Maria Brito also posted singles victories in straight sets at the third, fourth, and sixth match-ups. Clemson also claimed the top two doubles matches against the Gamecocks. The Lady Tigers will play their next match tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. as they play host to the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets in their ACC opener.

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# ACCs end season

Men's swim team concludes season with solid tournament effort.

**SARAH PORRI**  
STAFF WRITER

At the championship level, it is the goal of a collegiate athletic team to advance or move up in the standings. This was accomplished by the men's swimming and diving team as they traveled up to Chapel Hill, N.C., to compete in the ACC Championships. The Clemson Tigers finished fifth overall moving up two places from last year.

"We are equally proud of both the men's and women's programs that both finished fifth in the conference, the highest combined team standings since the expansion of the ACC," head coach Chris Ip said.

On the first night of the championships, the Tigers competed in the 800-yard freestyle relay and the 200-yard medley relay. Brett MacLennan, Daniel Mengerling, Brian Regone and Bryce Herrington placed fifth in the freestyle relay with the third best time in school history of 6:37.60 seconds. A short while later, the team of Joel Johnson, Attila Ruszka, Adam Farnham and Mark Vahle swam the medley relay. Their time of 1:28.45 seconds beat the old school record by six one-hundredths of a second set at the final ACC meet of the season. Both of these relays swam NCAA Provisional cuts.

On the first full day of swimming competition, the Tigers had a busy day with nine swimmers making it back to finals that evening. Junior Sean Geary placed 20th in the 500-yard freestyle with teammates MacLennan and Brian Possee having solid swims in the preliminary session.

The next event lined up for the Tigers was the 200-yard individual medley. Ruszka touched the wall with a time of 1:48.19 seconds, fast enough for a silver medal. His time was the second fastest in school history and only nine one-hundredths off the school record. Matt Angelini and Andy Bergren finished 13th and 20th, respectively.

The 50-yard freestyle was a busy event for Clemson as they had five swimmers compete that night. Mark Vahle recorded a season best time of 20.22 seconds and placed fifth.

Steven Russell also scored points for the Tigers as he finished 15th. Jay Crout, Bryce Herrington and Brian Regone placed 18th thru 21st, respectively. On the boards, David Giambra finished 14th in the one-meter diving competition for Clemson with a score of 259.45 points.

The last event of the night was the 200-yard freestyle relay. Vahle, Farnham, Russell and Crout swam to a bronze medal and the second fastest time in Clemson history. It was also a NCAA 'B' cut.

"This was a true team effort on our Swimming and Diving team, 90 percent of the team contributed to the scoring success in this year championships," Ip said.

Friday's events were short and fast with the exception of the 200-yard freestyle and 400-yard

individual medley. Angelini and Bergren teamed up again in the 400-yard individual medley to place ninth and 14th, respectively, and fellow Tiger Geary finished 22nd. The 100-yard butterfly was the next event for the Tigers. Farnham's time of 48.21 was a personal best time and NCAA Provisional time. He also received his first individual event medal, a bronze. Vahle finished 13th in this event, followed by Jason Chatlosh who was 23rd.

In the 200-yard freestyle, Clemson sent out seniors MacLennan and Herrington who finished 11th and 13th in this event. Teammates Mengerling, Possee and Russell also swam well as they placed 12th, 20th and 21st respectively in the 200-yard freestyle. The 100 yard breaststroke was up next for the Tigers, and Ruszka placed ninth with a time of 55.69.

The 100-yard backstroke was another big event for the Tigers as Johnson finished third with a personal best time and also a school record.

The night concluded with the 400-yard medley relay with Johnson, Ruszka, Farnham and Regone placing second with a time of 3:16.68, second best in school history.

"I love the excitement of being on a division one college swim team and all the friends I've made over my four years. I hope that I have given them as much as they have given me. They made me feel part of something important," said senior co-captain Brian Regone.

The final day of competition included the longer stroke events and the 100-yard freestyle. Saturday featured six different Clemson swimmers posted career best times in their events. Freshman Tom Recko got the night started with a 10th place finish for the Tigers and a personal best time of 1:48.58 in the 200 yard backstroke.

Teammates Taylor Thompson, Johnson and Crout took 12th through 14th place in this event, scoring solid points for the Tigers.

Farnham again posted a strong swim for the Tigers, placing seventh in the 100-yard freestyle. Russell, Vahle, Herrington and Regone finished 11th, 15th, 16th, and 21st.

This time in the 200 yard breaststroke, MacLennan and teammate Ruszka swam to 12th and 16th place adding to the overall points for the Tigers.

The final event of the evening was the 200-yard butterfly. Farnham swam his second event of the evening with Angelini, Possee and Mengerling. Angelini touched the wall in 13th place with Farnham right behind him.

Mengerling finished 18th and Possee came in a little over a second behind in 19th place. The meet ended with the 400-yard freestyle relay. MacLennan, Russell, Herrington and Regone closed the '06-'07 season for the Tigers with a fourth place finish and a time of 3:00.39 seconds.

Looking ahead to next season, Ip is confident about the returning swimmers he has and where the team is headed.

"With balanced scoring throughout the four classes, we will carry the experience of team success into next season and not just depend on the leadership of a few student athletes," said Ip.

# Cycling team gains respect

Tiger bikers perform at competition in Gainesville, Fla.

**BRIAN MIELE**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This past weekend the Clemson University cycling team went to attend races hosted by University of Florida in Gainesville, Fla. The team raced strong, securing a first place finish in the category "A" team time trial and first place finish in the category "B" individual time trial. The cycling team also secured four top 10 spots in the category "A" individual time trial and three top 15 spots in the category "A" criterium. This race was the first of the season so it was a prime opportunity to see where the team stands.

The race hosted by University of Florida consisted of three races. There was an individual time trial Saturday morning, a team time trial Saturday afternoon and a criterium on Sunday. A time trial is an event in which riders race individually and cover a set course. The winner is the cyclist who can cover the distance the fastest. The time trial is often called the "race of truth" because it is such a pure form of racing and usually very painful. A team time trial is the same thing but a certain number of team members compete as one unit to cover the course as fast as possible. A, B and C are the collegiate categories with A being the best and C being entry level.

The time trial went very well, with the Clemson team having racers enter in all three categories. The race course was 10 miles long and riders were sent out at 30 second intervals. In the A's time trial

Zac Lake finished fifth with a time of 22:38, Andrew Daane finished sixth with a time of 22:39, Tyler Hawes finished seventh with a time of 22:46 and Ben Zawacki finished eighth with a time of 22:54.

Brian Miele finished first at a category B with a time of 22:33. Clemson had four first time racers at the event that all raced category C including: Jonathan Altman finished 13th with a time of 25:34, Gary Swingle finishing 14th with a time of 25:45, Emmet McQuinn finishing 26th with a time of 27:06 and Andrew Price finishing 34th with a time of 27:31. Overall Clemson did very well amongst the other participating universities in attendance, with well over a hundred racers in attendance.

Now here is where it really went down. The Clemson University time trial team, consisting of Andrew Daane, Zac Lake, Ben Zawacki and Tyler Hawes, won the team time trial event. Clemson has not done this well in a long time so it was a huge victory and there will be many more to come. The "B" team time trial consisted of Brian Miele, Gary Swingle, Emmet McQuinn and Jon Altman, and placed an impressive eighth overall and second amongst "B" teams.

The category "A" criterium on Sunday went well with Tyler Hawes finishing eighth, Ben Zawacki finishing 10th and Brian Miele rounding it off with a top 15 finish. Zac Lake and Andrew Daane also raced the "A" criterium and put out impressive attacks that almost shattered the

field. The criterium was a hard race. It lasted one hour and was located in downtown Gainesville. The course was an overcast block in downtown Gainesville, with a cobblestone corner and an uphill finish.

The race was dominated by University of Florida and Clemson, but UF managed to edge out Clemson with twice the number of racers. Clemson still put up a good fight and secured a good amount of points. Jon Altman, Andrew Price and Emmet McQuinn all raced the "C" criterium and did well.

To put this race weekend in perspective, the Clemson cycling team was known as the bad news bears of cycling. The team would show up to races and do all right but never leave a mark on the race.

This past weekend, the Clemson team left their mark and left other universities baffled at how strong the Clemson team is. This year the team is the strongest, fastest team in recent history of Clemson and will be competitive throughout the season. Qualifying for regionals and going to nationals is within reach if the team continues to race at this caliber.

The team is going to race this weekend at Georgia Southern and hopes to continue turning heads with their incredibly strong team. One thing is for sure though: the Clemson cycling team will no longer be the bad news bears. The team is becoming a force to be reckoned with in the Southeast and nationally.

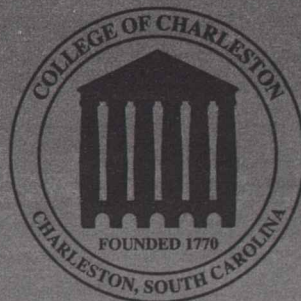
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like the Braves being on TBS constantly, the Bulls were always on WGN, the Chicago superstation, so I tuned in nightly to watch Phil Jackson's team regularly dominate their opponents. The association of Pippen and the red and white of the Bulls is why I have such a problem with him getting back into the game. Watching withered-down athletes past their prime as long been in an issue in the world of sport, and it is painful for fans to see as well. I simply don't want to see Pippen play for 15 minutes a night, score six or seven points and watch him struggle as kids seemingly half his age run circles around him.

If the impending return of Pippen wasn't enough, sharp-shooting guard Reggie Miller, who retired following the 2004-2005 season, may also possibly return to the league this year. Miller, who spent the duration of his career with the Indiana Pacers, was mentioned by Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban earlier this week when asked about preparing for their playoff run. The thought of Miller returning doesn't quite strike the same nerve as Pippen, but I'd still rather not see Reggie out on the court again. I think Miller can still play the game with more ease than Pippen, but I think there is some-

thing to be said about a player's loyalty to his team in this day and age in professional sports.

Looking back in history, the idea of seeing our heroes in a different uniform than the one we're accustomed to has pained sports fans for decades. Nobody cares to remember when the great Joe Montana, the consummate San Francisco 49er, suited up for the Kansas City Chiefs. To see him in that uniform seemed like a crime against humanity. It was painful to see him operating without Jerry Rice during the downswing of his career. He was past his prime, and should have never called anywhere home besides Candlestick Park. Then, reaching a little further back, there's Joe Namath. After his bold proclamation that his lowly New York Jets of the American Football League would defeat the powerful Baltimore Colts of the NFL in Super Bowl III, Namath spent the final year of his career playing sparingly for the Los Angeles Rams.

Other than his drunken attempt to kiss ESPN sideline reporter Suzi Kolber, Namath has long been viewed as a hero, and the footage of him in the yellow and blue of the Rams has been swept under the rug over the years. Then, only a few years ago, there was Michael

Jordan's comeback attempt with the Washington Wizards. Two years after he retired from the Bulls, for the second time mind you, he strapped on the goofy Wizards attire and performed fairly well. He had several of those classic Jordan moments and averaged over 20 points per game in his two years there, but it still left fans dumbfounded that their hero wasn't wearing a Bulls jersey. In short, nobody wanted to be like Mike as a Washington Wizard, and his years there have already been blocked out by most fans and will continue to be as long as people still care about the NBA. Of course Pippen, or Miller, will not be remembered like a Montana, Namath or Jordan. Those three were larger-than-life when it came to the sports they played and are nothing short of icons. Pippen is still an NBA legend, and I don't care to see him on the court again.

Blocking out his days as a member of the Portland Trailblazers, the NBA's equivalent of the University of South Carolina in terms time spent in the county jail, has been hard enough. More than anything, I just want to avoid seeing Pippen as only a shadow of what he once was. Neil Young once said "It's better to burn out than to fade away." Pippen's candle has already burned out. There's nothing left to burn, so don't try to relight it, Scottie.

## BATS: Offense waking up for Tigers from page C1

lowing day at 2 p.m. with the first half of a double header. Pacific's starting pitcher from the day before, Joey Centanni, was brought into centerfield so his outstanding bat could be added to the lineup. The game was a low-scoring affair; back and forth all game long and into extra innings. Clutch hitting by shortstop Stan Widmann kept Clemson in the game, as he had knocked in all three of the Tigers' runs. With the game deadlocked after eight innings, Clemson's outstanding closer Daniel Moskos was brought in to hold Pacific at a standstill. Moskos did just that, pitching three scoreless innings and allowing only three runners to reach base. In the bottom of the 11th, a throwing error by Pacific shortstop Josh Powers allowed Clemson base runner Addis Johnson to score from third. Despite the strong showing from the other Tigers, Clemson crept out with 4-3 victory.

The final game of weekend started mere minutes after the extra-innings thriller.

The finale began much like the others with the opposing team jumping out to a quick lead (two runs in the top of the third). Yet again, the Tigers tied the score and answered back—the biggest statement made by a three-run homer from Marquez Smith in the fifth. The three-run Clemson lead was threatened when Pacific rallied against freshman pitcher Justin Sarratt who gave up two quick runs in the top of the eighth, but Summerville native Matt Vaughn was brought in to save Vaughn and stopped the bleeding. Vaughn's save gave Clemson the 5-4 win to complete the sweep.

While Clemson fans did not expect an exciting weekend of baseball when Pacific was slated on the schedule, the overmatched squad proved to be a thorn in Clemson's side and ended up just a few runs short of winning the series. The reason Pacific was unable to pull off a major upset was their lack of production in the heart and bottom of the lineup. In the first game, Pacific's bottom six went 3-22 (.136) at the plate. During game two, the same six struggled even more going 3-25 (.120) against Tiger pitching. They managed five hits in the finale, but those hits came at inopportune times as they only had one RBI while leaving 12 runners on base.

Part of Pacific's struggles was due to Clemson's closing staff, which was outstanding during the entire series. Closers Clyne, Moskos and Vaughn combined for 10.1 scoreless innings, while amassing 10 strikeouts and only three walks. Pacific only managed six hits off 35 at bats (.171) against the Clemson trio. During the weekend, the closers totaled two wins and a save.

Although the bullpen shows promise for Tiger fans, areas for concern also appeared to Clemson during the week. The No. 2 team in the nation should not allow weaker teams such as High Point and Pacific to get ahead early—much less almost win the series.

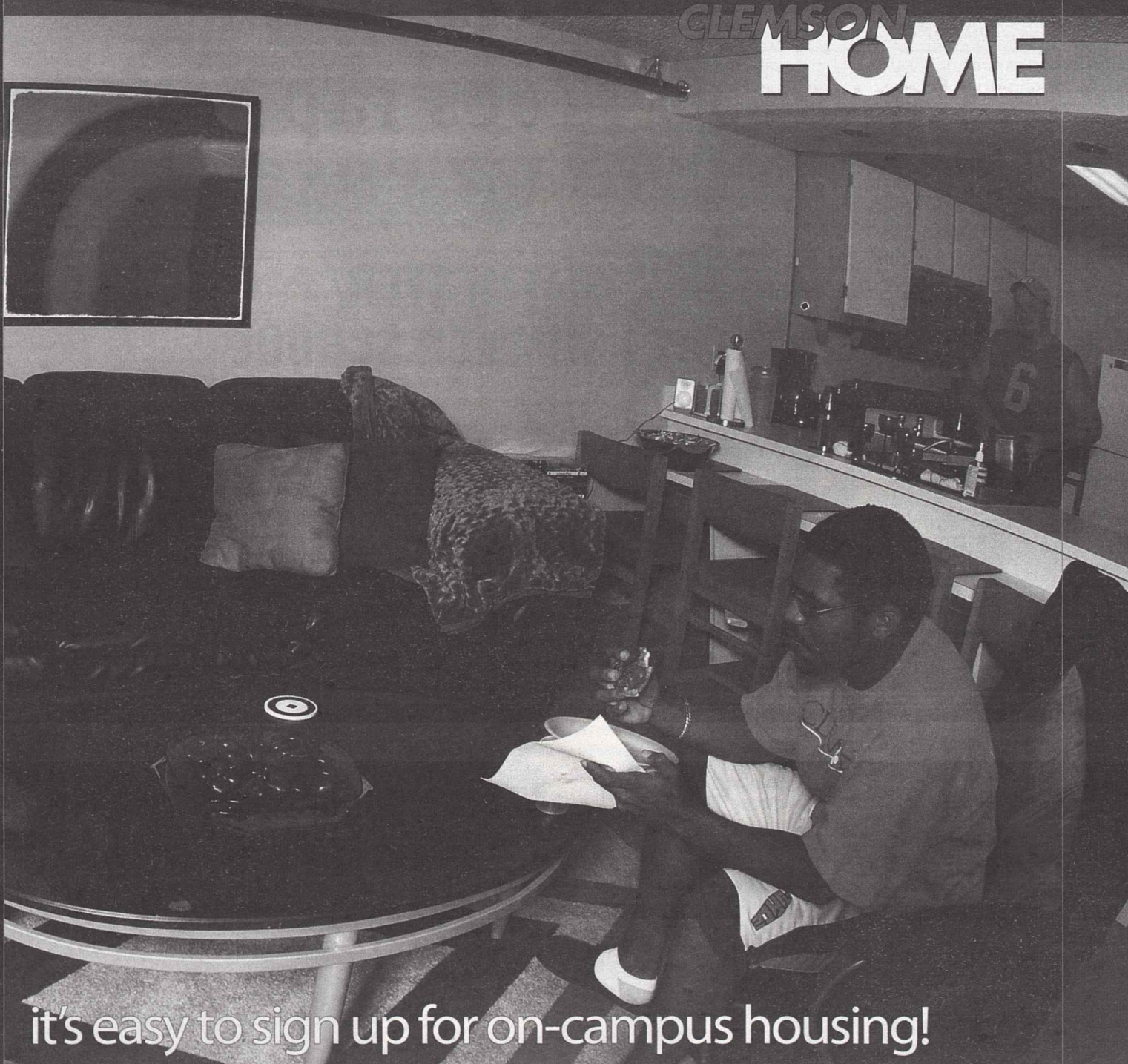
Leggett must find a solid starting staff before the ACC rolls around, if the Tigers are to exceed their extremely high expectations this year.

Also, Clemson's clean-up hitter Andy D'Alessio has appeared to have entered the season on a slump. During the series with Pacific, he struggled, going 0-10 at the plate and striking out six times. While he did manage to reach base four times off of walks, his lack of contact caused seven runners to be left on base.

D'Alessio is the primary power hitter in Clemson's offense, and they need his production at the four spot in the lineup before the matchup with rival baseball power, South Carolina.

Clemson, yet again, had to come back against a weaker opponent two days in Winthrop—bouncing back after a 4-1 deficit to win 6-4. Luckily for Tiger fans, D'Alessio headlined the evening going 2-3 with a homer, a triple and one run batted in.

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# Restroom use comes with admissions

**RAD THIE**  
STAFF WRITER

There was potty humor, over the top dancing, unbelievable acting that would be well-suited for a soap opera and a narrator that mocked all theatre conventions. Ridiculous plot elements and many stock stereotypical characters were also included. In summation, it was fantastic. The laughs came easily and often during the Clemson Player's performance at the Brook's Center of the delightfully irreverent musical "Urinetown."

The city has experienced a terrible prolonged draught. To preserve the precious water still available, Caldwell B. Cladwell organizes a system of bathroom fees. Those who don't pay the fee are not allowed admittance into the city latrines. Thus, Cladwell becomes rich. The system is effective, but it puts those without money in a difficult position: If they fail to pay and are forced to relieve themselves in the bushes or on city property, they are taken away by Officers Lockstock and Barrel to Urinetown, the place, not the musical or the metaphysical. The system con-

tinues flawlessly until Hope, Cladwell's daughters, and a recent Urinetown exile's son, Bobby Strong, start thinking for themselves. What follows is a riotous revolt as the clean-cut all-American Bobby takes on the sleazy corporate villain, Cladwell.

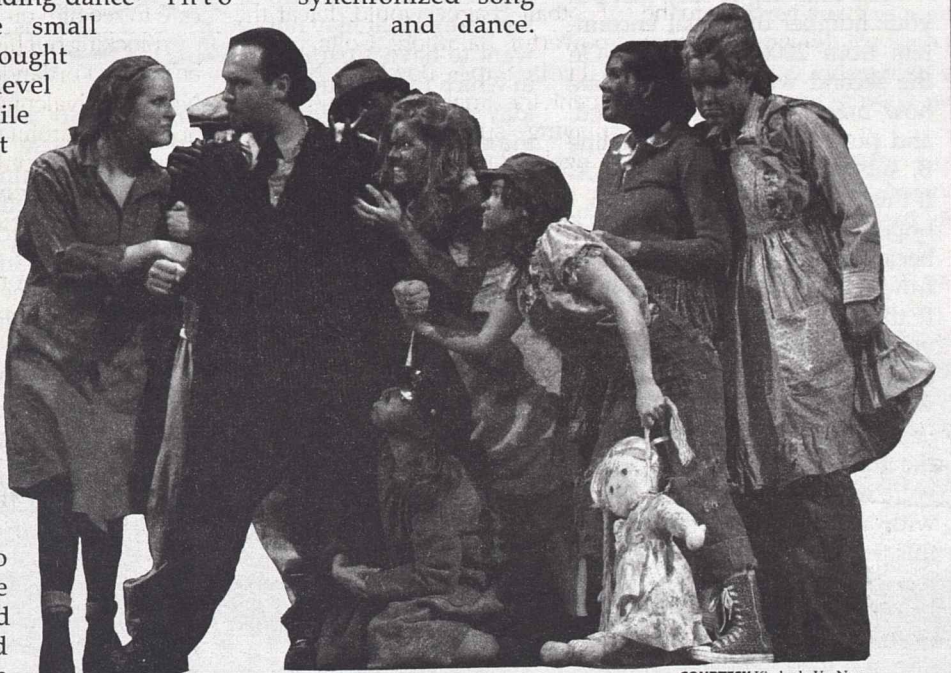
Grayson Powell as Officer Lockstock provided the most memorable performance of the show. The sometimes narrator and sometimes character paired with Little Sally, his adorable foil, to mock traditional theatre conventions. They even discussed candidly the shortcomings of "Urinetown," the musical. Powell was both endearing and frightening, somehow drawing in the audience while at the same time repulsing them. He transitioned easily from fatherly dialogue as he and Little Sallie discussed common theatrical elements and the structure of the play, to wild and manic as he relished the task of exiling those who had not paid a fee to pee, and he made both seem consistent with the character. He was even able to, with the help of Rich Wills as Officer Barrel, execute the most difficult maneuver in the history of male camarade-

rie: the walking-high-five with the passing-follow-through to backwards-no-look-low-five. For those who have ever played in organized athletics, intramurals, or who have even followed a sports team, this is the unicorn of high-fives. When not executed perfectly, this move often ends in male hand to other male hindquarter contact. This may appear like too much praise attributed to such a small action in the midst of an outstanding dance number, but the small details are what brought "Urinetown" to a level higher than juvenile potty humor. Not that potty humor is anything to be ashamed of. Bodily functions remain hilarious to people of all ages, but this was (is it possible?) smart potty humor.

Even Mrs. Wittekind, my frightening first grade teacher who often dealt with the results of childhood incontinence, would have laughed when

Officer Lockstock picked up a plywood puddle of urine and carried it off stage. All the props were two-dimensional painted wooden cutouts. An industrial metal arch framed the set. The effect was a musical that seemed to pop out of the pages of a comic book or the Sunday Funnies.

There is something inherently ridiculous about the musical genre; rarely do people spontaneously burst out into synchronized song and dance.



COURTESY Kimberly VanNess

## Gospel choir bestows soul

**ESTELLE PATRICK**  
STAFF WRITER

The Harlem Gospel Choir came to Greenville's Peace Center and made their presence known. The audience in the Peace Center was praising "Harlem style" Saturday night. Although the nine people performed Saturday were only a small segment of the 40-plus members that comprise the entire Harlem Gospel Choir, their uplifting and powerful voices made the audience feel like the entire choir was present.

The Harlem Gospel Choir was formed in 1986 by Allen Bailey and consists of some of the finest singers from the many churches in Harlem. Since their founding, the choir has traveled all around the globe, sharing their joy and

faith through music.

Being a gospel music fanatic was not necessary in order to enjoy the performance. The choir, or HGC, as they affectionately referred to one another on stage, sang a variety of songs. Most of the numbers were gospel songs, but a few were more R&B in nature, so they changed them a little in order to fit their personal style and purpose, such as R. Kelly's hit "I Believe I Can Fly" which was sung by Brother Barry.

The song was originally a part of the soundtrack to the movie Space Jam, which starred basketball phenom Michael Jordan and the wacky characters from the cartoon Looney Tunes. A few of the other songs performed were "Total Praise," "Amazing Grace" and "Jesus Can Work It Out." Regardless if they were R&B or

gospel songs, the one thing all of their songs had in common was the positive message that was intended to inspire and move the audience.

The choir did not just stand on stage and sing to the audience; instead, they constantly interacted with them, which made the performance stand out. They pulled unsuspecting audience members on stage to dance and sing.

The choir kept the crowd on their feet the entire night, whether it was in response to questions or simply because they were enjoying themselves too much to stay seated. The audience consisted of people from different races and ages and they all had a good time. The auditorium was full of people cheering, clapping, stomping and singing along with the choir. It was almost impossible to find a still body in the room.

The concert was downright entertaining. It had everything: good music, a warm atmosphere and, most importantly, a good time. The choir was able to let their personality shine through as they performed and when they spoke to the audience in between songs, oftentimes having the audience in stitches laughing at their lighthearted humor.

The Harlem Gospel Choir was true to their theme for every performance, "Bringing people and nations together and giving something back." The concert was truly amazing and if you happened to miss the performance Saturday night, hopefully you will be able to see this fantastic performance the next time they are in town.

## Toes tap to CU jazz ensemble

**LINDSAY BRASINGTON**  
STAFF WRITER

During the Clemson University Jazz Ensemble's big band era jazz show, it seemed as if everyone in the entire audience was nodding their heads to the beat of the swing dance-themed show tunes last Tuesday night at the Brooks Center for the Performing Arts.

The audience members ranged in age from young, beatnik Clemson students to classy elderly patrons of the Brooks Center. No matter the age, no one could remain quietly in his or her seat. Curtains opened to "Opus One" by Sy Oliver, providing a snappy, cool start to the show. Immediately, the band began showing off its talent and allowing their major players to shine for brief intervals.

Director Dr. Brian Sproul explained that his father had recommended an all-swing show for the spring concert. This was an excellent move for the band which made the audience want to jive alongside the band members. Only one ballad was played during the entire show, but it worked well since the show was faster-paced than usual.

A four-man combo soon emerged from the larger ensemble. Alto saxophonist Justin Brown, pianist Corey Taylor, bassist Michael Geib and drummer Justin Pino made a great team jamming to songs such as "The Kid from Red Bank" by Neal Hefti. The real star in this combo was certainly Brown. More than once I had to rub my eyes to make sure it was not Duke Ellington himself standing on the

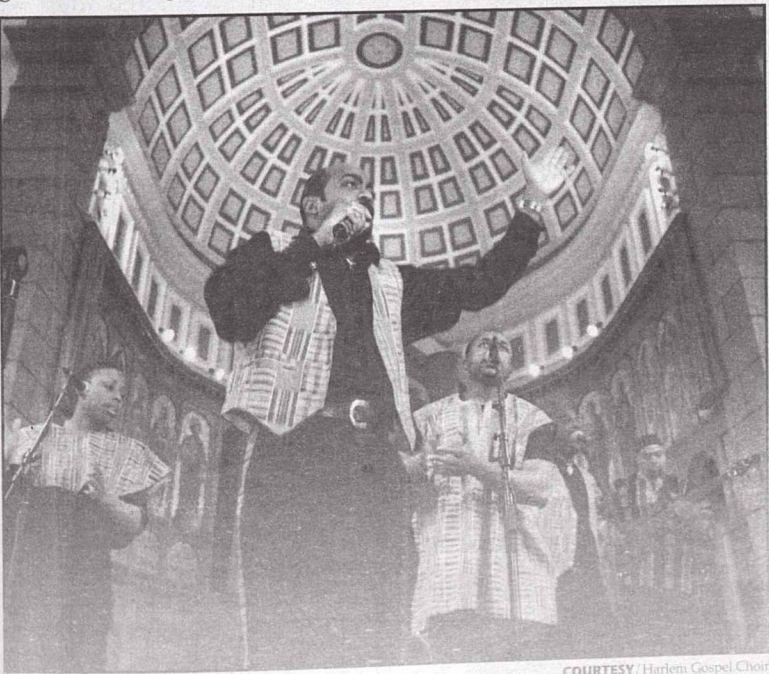
stage playing "Cottontail."

Sproul explained that the nature of an all-swing show left the pianist with very little to show off his talent. But he said of Taylor, "When you've got the Ferrari, you can't keep it in the garage."

The song Sproul described as the "Corey Taylor Show" certainly showed off Taylor's talent as an incredible piano player. But there were also many other luxury cars in the ensemble in addition to Taylor. It was difficult to wait patiently through the first half of the show for tenor saxophonist John Breitmeier's first solo of the show. He has a talent that can not only be seen and heard, but also felt in the audience.

Breitmeier seems to know not just his instrument or the notes on a piece of paper. He truly seems to understand the emotion behind the music and is able to bring it out of his saxophone like one of the greats. Andrew Schwerzel also wowed the audience with his trumpeteering. He had several very difficult solos throughout the concert and nailed every one of them. Schwerzel made playing ridiculous runs on a trumpet look as simple as taking a jog in the park. The ensemble finished "In the Mood" by Joe Garland to a standing ovation. They ended the show with an encore performance of "One O'clock Jump" by Count Basie.

When a jazz concert gets the audience dancing and their feet tapping, the only complaint is that the show was not long enough (it ended in just less than an hour). If you have not had a chance to get to a CU Jazz Ensemble performance, be sure to catch their final show of the year on April 17.



COURTESY Harlem Gospel Choir

**A LITTLE TASTE OF HARLEM IN THE UPSTATE:** The Harlem Gospel Choir belted out an entertaining, enticing and enthusiastic show at the Peace Center in Greenville on Feb. 24.



# ON THE PROWL

by ORSON SWELLES

Considering that we are in the heart of tax season, I figured it would be best to provide a bit of public service to make sure that at least Clemson's student population would have all of their forms in order. Sure many of you have already filled out your 1040 or have gotten someone else to do it, but I bet none of you have even gotten started on your 53X accountability forms. Just call me Mr. H.R. Block because I am here to help you complete this sometimes tedious and confusing federal document.

The first step is easy, just put your number of sexual encounters from 2006 on line A. On the second worksheet, calculate how many condoms you used, and put this in box 12. For line B, subtract box 12 from line A. If this number is less than zero, I hope that your math is incorrect, because the government tends to frown upon double wrapping. If this line is greater than zero, you are probably due for an STD audit, so good luck with that as well.

Line C is asking that out of the total in line A, how many were with a steady partner? Bear with me here, but subtracting this from line A gets your 'P'-rating. There are many other calculations to do from here on out, including how many 'P' encounters you knew the last name of, how many 'P's had a blood alcohol level of less than .1, and how many of these encounters are nearly un-reportable due to what

the government calls the BGE (beer goggle effect).

If your 'P'-rating is high enough, congratulations! You are probably entitled to a promiscuity refund from the boys in Washington DC. I feel that with this new incentive, I should talk about the Clemson populace that this article seems to gloss over most weeks. Every week I discuss in length things to do with your partner, but I am neglecting a core group of fornicators that may not want to have a partner in which to make up holiday celebrations with. Think of these tips as geared more toward the Nelly Furtados and less toward the Fergies at Clemson.

I am not here to discuss the reward to drawback ratio for promiscuity. We all know that boning any woman who gets drunk enough to think you are funny and sexy works, and it works well. We also know that you better protect your dipstick from the sludge that often collects in the engines of these used vehicles. I'm just going to assume that these issues have been thought about before deciding upon this career path, so let's proceed.

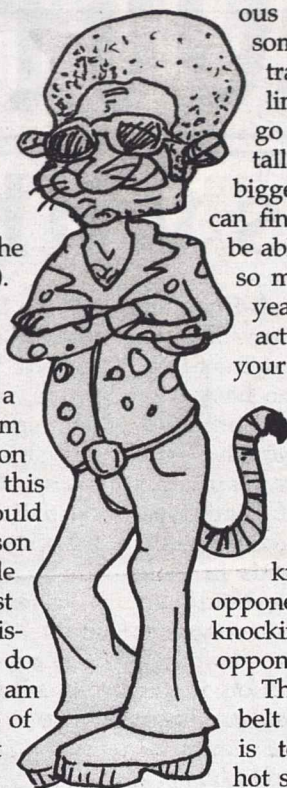
One old adage that was used by the free-wheeling type is that he or she just got another notch in the old belt. If you are really going to claim to be promiscu-

ous (and you want to some how be able to track the number for line A of your form), go out to the big and tall store and buy the biggest belt that you can find. Your goal is to be able to notch this belt so many times that by year's end you can actually put it around your waist.

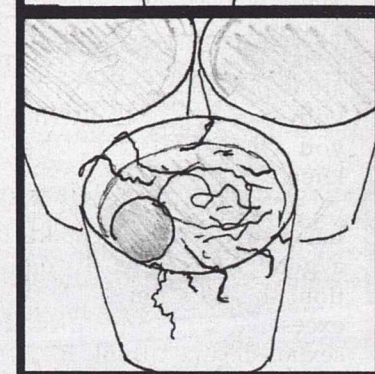
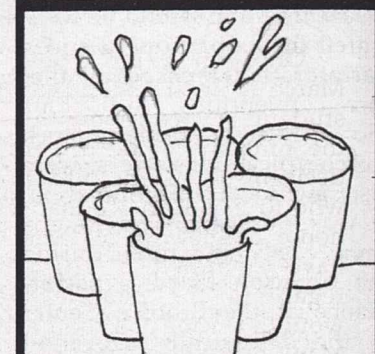
Think of it like a championship belt in professional wrestling, except instead of winning it by knocking out your opponent, you win by not knocking up any of your opponents.

Think wearing the belt around the waist is too easy? Alright hot shot, by year's end I want you to have that belt so well-notched that you can create a new fad of penis cummerbunds. Want to really set yourself apart? Once your belt is notched to the highest point, I want you to show a girl your wiener cincture, and be cool enough to convince her to take it off with her mouth. Once this feat has been accomplished, I will seriously consider crowning you Lord of Licentiousness.

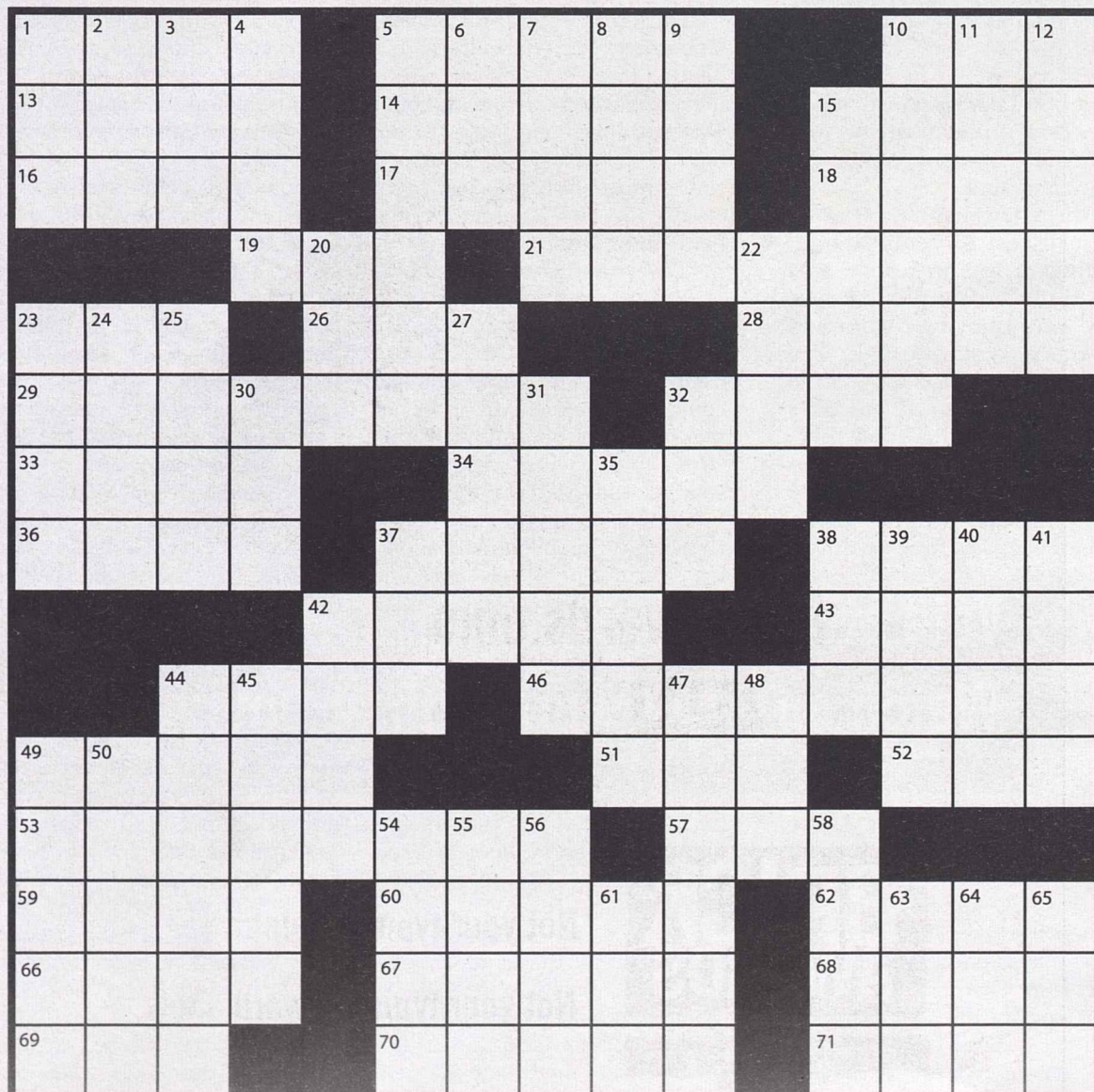
One advantage that you guys have over the tied down crowd is that you can truly appreciate the inclusiveness of Clemson University. Over the past month, this has been a raging issue around campus, and I think the promiscuous students can really help out President Barker in this regard. First, start off easy by making sure to have sex with a blonde, brunette and redhead.



## The Adventures of Party Master by Mike Haje



## Crossword



## Clues

### ACROSS

- 1 Tel \_\_\_\_
- 5 Light emitting \_\_\_\_
- 10 Check
- 13 Lotion brand
- 14 Made public
- 15 Window ledge
- 16 Cutting tools
- 17 Hold
- 18 Inch
- 19 Adorn
- 21 Great athlete
- 23 Choose
- 26 Wing
- 28 Lubricated
- 29 Fine cuisines
- 32 Doctor's picture
- 33 Company symbol
- 34 Hand dye
- 36 Otherwise
- 37 Radiuses
- 38 Gets older
- 42 Creator of Sherlock Holmes
- 43 Gasp for air
- 44 Brood
- 46 Christmas season
- 49 Recipient
- 51 Pastry
- 52 Cooking measurement
- 53 Rural
- 57 Tender loving care
- 59 Paul's former name
- 60 Inscribed pillar
- 62 Comedian Jay
- 66 What legs are attached to
- 67 Navigation system
- 68 Take the wrinkles out
- 69 One of these
- 70 Synthetic resin
- 71 Sheet of glass

### DOWN

- 1 Precedes an alias
- 2 Irritate
- 3 Anger
- 4 Permission to enter a foreign country
- 5 Fall behind
- 6 Roman three
- 7 Brand of sandwich cookie
- 8 Dale
- 9 Whirl
- 10 Neatly
- 11 Fish tank growth
- 12 Combine
- 15 Reddish brown
- 20 Dyke
- 22 Robin Williams role
- 23 Eye
- 24 Swimming hole
- 25 Pulls
- 27 Treed (2 wds.)
- 30 Caviar
- 31 Not happily
- 32 Caesar's twelve
- 35 Truss (2 wds.)
- 37 Affray
- 38 Inclined
- 39 Pace
- 40 Aborts
- 41 Tier
- 42 Stag
- 44 Viscid
- 45 Small ducks
- 47 Group prayer
- 48 Moray
- 49 High ranking man - used formerly
- 50 Once more
- 54 Island
- 55 On top
- 56 Roman emperor
- 58 Barette
- 61 Slack
- 63 Time period
- 64 Not (refix)
- 65 Only

Look for the solution to this week's puzzle on page D5.



# THE TOP 5

## WORST ROOMMATE QUALITIES

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STAFF WRITER

Once again, the month of March is upon us. For college students everywhere, this is the time when the important decisions of where to live and who to live with are made. In honor of this, we at TimeOut have compiled a Top Five regarding the qualities you wouldn't want in a roommate. Many of these are experienced throughout one's freshmen year potluck, while still some are experienced even in living with a person whose habits you thought you already knew.

**5. A nymphomaniac never has and never will make for a good roommate.** By definition, this is a person with an excessive and uncontrollable sexual desire. I think it's easy to say that there is no person in the world who would respect this quality in a roommate. (Unless, of course, that person is a nymphomaniac, too.) While a roommate with a significant other is fairly easy to deal with, a roommate with an active sex life is far harder to cope with. You do not want to feel compelled to close your eyes every time you open your own bedroom door for fear of what you might bear witness to. In other words, find a roommate who at least has the decency to forewarn you of such behavior. Such notice could be your saving grace.

**4. Clinginess is another quality no one wants to find in their roommate.** I once heard of a girl who imitated everything her roommate did. When I say everything, I do mean it. Her hair, her class schedule, her clothing choice. Well, you get the point. This degree of replication may not happen to everyone, but it is still safe to say that no one likes being copied. On top of that, a clingy roommate expects to eat every meal with you, attend every party you do and befriend every person you encounter. We go to college to become our own person, yet in this case, it is as if you have a duplication of yourself. This quality should be avoided at all costs.

**3. The uncleanly roommate poses yet another problem.** You hear those horror stories of people who spend hours at the gym only to come home and plop themselves into bed without so much as a quick face wash. Beware, you do not want this to happen to you. Not only will the smell disturb the amazing sleep you get lofted up there six feet in the air, but it will also cause problems with the other friends you

might make. It's safe to say that the smelly room is never a key hang-out place. Besides, you don't want to be known as "that kid who sleeps next to the person who never showers," now do you?

**2. Laziness is one other quality you should not search for in a future roommate.** It's not even because it's annoying or inconvenient; it's because it's contagious. When your roommate's never doing anything but watching old re-runs of The OC and eating popcorn, it's going to be rather tempting to join in the fun yourself. Besides, lazy people tend to be messy, which is a pretty bad combination. You won't find many friends if all you do is sit around in your messy room eating and playing on the computer all day. However, Facebook is an exception because it embodies all that is good.

**1. An extremist is one last person you probably won't want living with you for an entire nine to 10 months.** By extremist, I mean people who are at one of the complete ends of the spectrum. Exhibit A is the party animal who's out all night, comes in ridiculously drunk every night of the week, plays loud music all the time, invites people over without ever consulting you and basically disregards your needs entirely. It will be amazing how fast you can get fed up with a roommate like this. Exhibit B lies at the other end of this continuum with the roommate who studies day in and day out. At times, you must question whether they have any friends outside of their textbooks. Although we are in college to get an education and one day become wonderfully rich and famous courtesy of our magnificent Clemson University, we are also here to enjoy ourselves. Call me crazy, but studying really doesn't ensure a good time. Therefore, it is always smart to stray from the roommate who plans to spend all of their time cooped up at his or her desk. Unless, of course, you too plan to spend your college days this way. Crazy people!

So, that is TimeOut's attempt at saving all of you from future roommate horror. We hope that it has been of some help as you embark on the journey of collegiate housing decisions. However, we must ask that you not be offended if the person you were planning to live with next year bails on you after reading this article. After all, it is not our fault if you happen to personify any of the unpleasant qualities mentioned above. Consider yourself warned.

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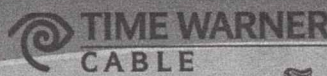


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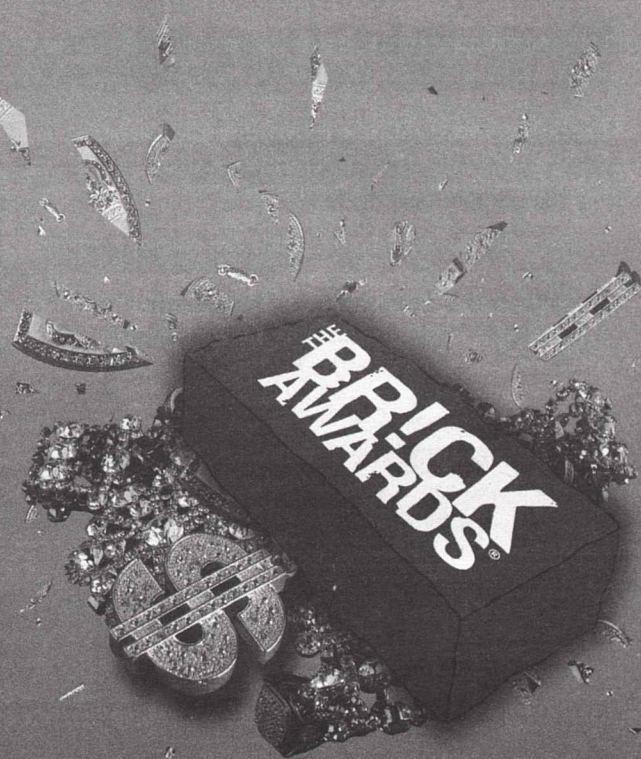
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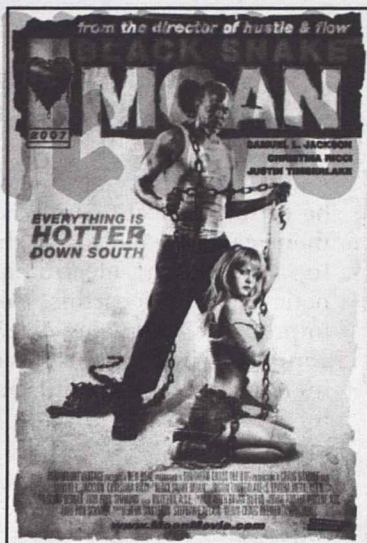
## PREVIEWS

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## MOVIES

**"Black Snake Moan,"**  
March 2

Yes, that is the real title. And no, it's not a porno. Well, at least TimeOut doesn't think so. From the director of "Hustle & Flow," this destined-to-be cult classic features Samuel L. Jackson as a strictly religious bluesman who chains up Christina Ricci in order to calm her nymphomaniac ways. And by "chains up," that means he actually chains her up in his house. For real-real. And Justin Timberlake co-stars, which is always a good thing.

**"Wild Hogs,"** March 2

For the love of washed-up actors everywhere, wasn't there ANYONE who could have

talked Tim Allen, John Travolta, Martin Lawrence and William H. Macy out of doing this film, which follows four middle-aged men buying motorcycles and hitting the road. Couldn't they have stuck to failed sitcom pilots and "Law & Order" reruns like all the other has been actors?

**"Zodiac,"** March 2

So, you remember the Zodiac Killer, that rascally San Francisco serial killer in the '70s? Yeah, those were good times. Let's make a movie about it! Despite the fact that he's never been caught, that didn't stop "Fight Club" director David Fincher from chronicling his bloody shenanigans, with Robert Downey Jr., Jake Gyllenhaal and Mark Ruffalo headlining the film. So, what's the point of the film?

Franchising, baby! Perhaps Zodiac toys at Burger King, huh? A McZodiac with fries is sounding pretty tasty right about now.

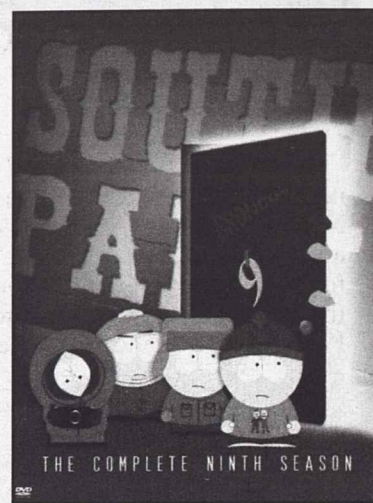
## DVDs

**"Sabrina, the Teenage Witch: The Complete First Season,"** March 6

Finally! Perhaps the greatest show to ever grace ABC's TGIF lineup (sorry, Urkel) is finally coming to DVD. Admit it, you religiously watched this Melissa Joan Hart sitcom about a crazy teenager who succumbs to Satanic forces and studies the ancient art of the Wicca. And all this before homeroom! This four-disc set has all 24 classic episodes of the show's first season.

**"South Park: The Complete Ninth Season,"** March 6

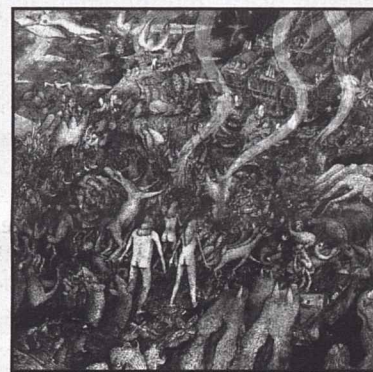
From one of this long-running cartoon's most controversial seasons, the foul-mouthed kids in "South Park" battle hippies, global warming, gay marriage and Tom Cruise. This season also marked the show's first Emmy win for an episode parodying the media circus surrounding the Terri Schiavo drama.



## CDs

**"Myth Takes,"** !!!, March 6

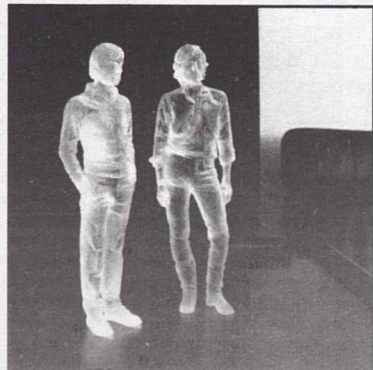
Y'all!!! This alt-rock band has been thrilling listeners since 1996, you say? Whaaaat?!?! It's their third full-length album and is sure to have the same hip, funky charm of their previous work, which referenced everything from "The Gods Must Be Crazy" to "Footloose." Now that's quality!

**"Neon Bible,"** The Arcade Fire, March 6

In 2004, this independent Canadian band thrilled music fans everywhere with their debut CD "Funeral," which earned a Grammy nomination, topped dozens of Top 10 lists, got them as musical guests on "Saturday Night Live" and placed them on the cover of Time magazine. And now they're back with the uber-anticipated sophomore album "Neon Bible." TimeOut, for one, is beyond excited. Even if it's crappy, it'll probably be better than 98 percent of the music released this year.

**"Pocket Symphony,"** Air, March 6

This globally adored French electro band is back with their seventh album, after working almost exclusively with Sofia Coppola's movies. Remember all the hypnotic, instrumental music in "Virgin Suicides" and "Lost in Translation?" Yeah, that was them. Their latest, "Pocket Symphony," also has collaborations from acclaimed artists Jarvis Cocker and Neil Hannon.



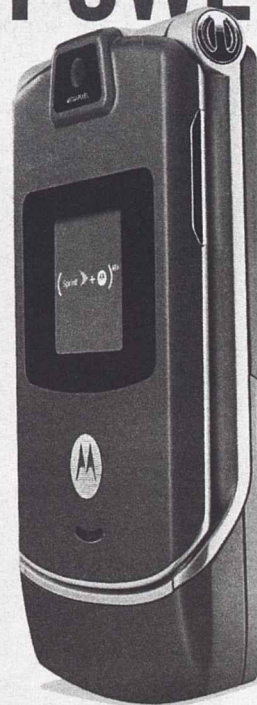
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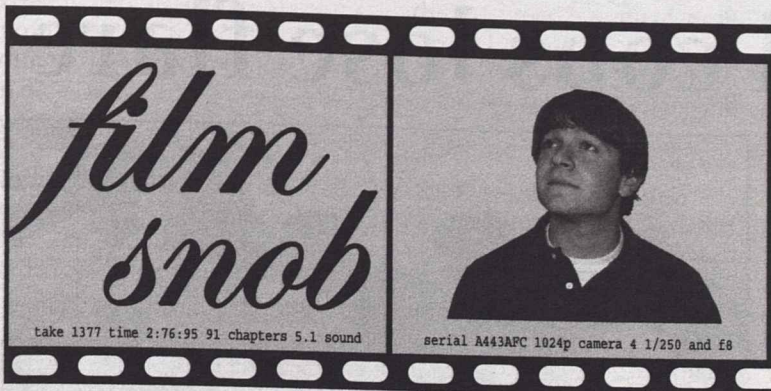
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CHRIS JAYNES  
STAFF WRITER

I spent my previous Sunday night not watching the Oscars. No, not for any reason like such and such film got snubbed, but for the sheer fact that I don't think the Foreign Associated Press should make a big deal about picking one seemingly great movie out of an enormous amount of films.

First, the Oscars only pick films from the current year, and, well, this year was pretty dry, and it wasn't because of Global warming - kudos to Al Gore though. Second, the Oscars give no criterion, or reason for such and such a film being the best movie of 2006. It's really easy to pick a movie from five mediocre ones and say unequivocally that it was the best movie of this year, but does that make it a great movie? Or, is it just slightly better than the rest of the trash from that same year? The attention The Oscars lavish on the select few films is ridiculous.

But, when you are asked that paradox of a question, "What's your favorite movie?" "You've got 10 seconds: Go!" It's a whole different awards show. I'd probably look like a deer in the headlights. Unlike the Oscars, you have to pick one film out of every film ever produced, or at least all the ones you have seen, which can still be a lot. How in the world can you make that decision in 10 seconds? If you gave me five to 10 choices, then, yes I could pick one. It would also help if you gave me a huge envelope with the answer in it. Out of all the movies you have seen, how are you suppose to pick one? Are you supposed to pick based on popularity? Aesthetics? Cinematography? Acting? The list, and reasons could go on longer than "The Departed." This is why it is so difficult to get people to enjoy a movie that you think has some value. Everyone places different values on movies, and it's

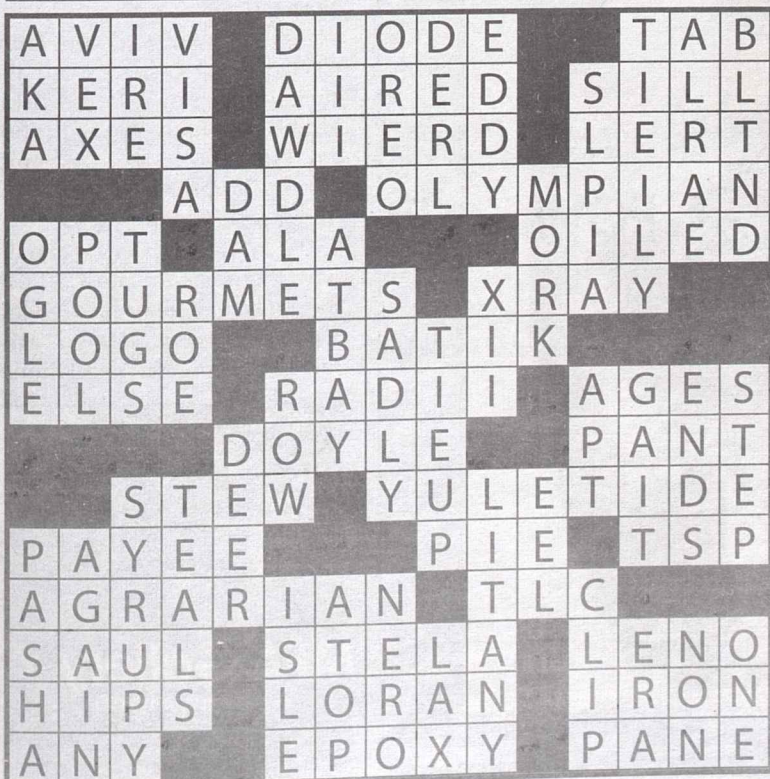
hard to understand why people think what they do about certain films.

When I get asked this question, I could easily say some Italian Neo-Realist film, or Avant-Garde film, but these films aren't that enjoyable to watch unless you are looking for deeper meaning in them. And, let's face it, sometimes you want to just sit back and escape into the reality of the film. My standard answer to the question is "You've Got Mail." (I watched it again today while I was writing this column. It's just something about New York and finding a woman who will love you despite all your flaws that gets me every time.)

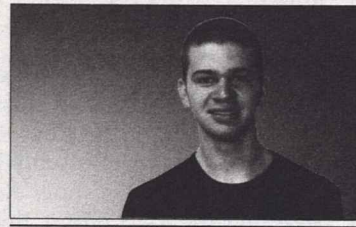
Gasp! I can see every guy who might be reading this column saying, "Isn't that the chick flick with Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan?" Yes it is, and I wouldn't call it a chick flick. If we are going to call that type of movie a chick flick, can you think of a rhyming word, with chick, that can be applied to those films where everything gets blown up?

If you can't tell, the thing that bothers me the most about movies is the labels we put on them. You run into it everywhere. All the movies in Blockbuster are either in the Action, Comedy or Drama sections. How can you put all those movies into three categories? How can you lump "Little Miss Sunshine" and "Letters from Iwo Jima" in the same category and evaluate them? You can't. That's my real problem with awards shows; they are so simpleminded in their view that it borders on fallacy. Ultimately, they are just a clever marketing ploy to get you to go by the DVD of a film because it had the best supporting actor. To enjoy movies, you can't get sucked into labels. To appreciate a Best Picture movie, you will have to see a lot of non-Best Picture movies. You will never be able to refine your taste if you don't try new things every now and then.

## SOLUTION From Page D2



# Horror remains cliché



RAD THIE  
STAFF WRITER

Recently, as thanks for living in the dorms and under the hope that dorm residents get hooked, residents were given free temporary service to HBO. Obviously I intend to use this service as much as possible, even when I have no desire to see the program being aired. I feel like I am somehow making money when I do this, sticking it to the man. It is like skipping lunch before using a free admittance coupon at a buffet for dinner; people still want to get their money's worth, even when they didn't have to pay anything.

On HBO Monday night, I watched "Final Destination III" and was shocked by the elaborate and gruesome Rube Goldberg death traps in the movie. I couldn't believe what I was watching.

So, this one girl gets shot through the face by a nail gun that was somehow triggered by a runaway forklift? That is messed up. This Mouse Trap-esque death reminded me of other impossible situations horror movies suggest for the opportunity to show more graphic violence.

I am supposed to believe that this old timer in the Australian outback (in a region with no other inhab-

itants) has a dungeon where he tortures vacationers when their cars break down due to a random electromagnetic burst? Does this seem improbable to anyone else? I suppose privacy when torturing tourists is important, but, for someone with a habit of kidnapping, it seems like a slightly larger population of people would be more conducive.

I'm not trying to give kidnappers pointers, but they shouldn't rely on unpredictable electromagnetic storms in areas with low population density. While the audiences of such movies are privy to every slow tear, lob, rip and stab the main character incurs while trying to save a pretty girl in a bikini from the creepy old man with the inevitable facial scar, I am left to wonder who imagines these elaborate tortures. Is there a special panel where people argue the merits of the hacksaw against the terror of death by furnace?

Additionally, I know very few people that are actually able to watch these movies in their entirety. Often patrons of these films spend a large, ever increasing, percentage of the movie hiding from the grizzly tortures and deaths shown with increasing realism.

What did people expect? Did the advertising agencies hired to promote the film fool the audience members? Did the moviegoers get confused between "Black Christmas" and "The Holiday?" Or are people, like passing an accident on the highway, just that

attracted to visual stimulation they would never otherwise see?

Personally, after "Saw" and "Saw II," I was expecting character-driven drama in "Saw III," where the guy who got his toes severed in "Saw II" now battles his own interpersonal demons. Instead of trying to survive the scary puppet's death traps, he battles alcoholism, family struggles and unrequited love, but no, I was wrong; more severed toes. Those \$9 could have been better spent. If those nine dollars really must be spent on semi-scripted, predictable entertainment that reinforces stereotypes, invest the money into the WWE. Avoid going to two of these movies and one could buy a single share of World Wrestling Entertainment stock.

Movie theaters offer no rebates for portions of the film not watched. This is similar to going to eat at Billy Meat's All-You-Can-Eat House of Gravy and getting a salad. I will accept the money anyone intends on using to attend such films. In return, I will tell anyone who pays for this service exactly what I expect to happen in the film.

Ok, the handsome main character's best friend is going to die a gruesome death and you are going to be way too grossed out to watch it. It involves pliers and a javelin. Violence and gore in movies once existed to add an element of realism to a movie's plot. Plot now acts only as a vehicle to allow for increased levels of violence in a film.

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# Heroes present CD in concert

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Tonight at Atlanta's Masquerade the unique new band, Gym Class Heroes, will be performing with opening bands RX Bandits, P.O.S. and K-OS.

The group has recently exploded on the scene. Their sound has been described as "indie/hip-hop fusion." Fans are supporting their new album, "As Cruel as School Children," which includes the hit "Cupid's Chokehold." The album features a few guest artists such as Fall Out Boy's Patrick Stump, who also co-produced the album. William Beckett of The Academy Is and Speech of Arrested Development are also guests on tracks "7 Weeks" and "Biter's Block," respectively. The theme of being the saviors of the easiest class at school is not only found in the lyrics but in the album's track names which are introduced with titles such as "1st period," "Lunch," "Study Hall," "Yearbook Club," and "Detention," to name a few.

"I bought the CD because of its unique and hip hop sound," said sophomore Megan Elinski. "I liked how the band incorporated the sounds of indie and hip hop music, because in comparison to much of the music you hear on TV and on the radio, it is very different. I

really like the humor and sarcasm represented in their lyrics and music videos."

The four-member band includes drummer Matt McGinley, bassist Eric Roberts, guitarist Diashi Lumumba-Kasongo and MC Travis "Schleprok" McCoy. Their first album was the self-released "For the Kids," which was followed by "Paper Cut Chronicles." "Chronicles" fell into the hands of Fall Out Boy's Pete Wentz and Gym Class Heroes soon had a deal with his Fueled by Ramen imprint, Decaydance, in 2004. Currently, their music videos for "Cupid's Chokehold" and "The Queen and I" have been all over MTV and are generating a huge buzz that audiences are expecting to be justified at their performance tonight.

"I am very excited about the concert this upcoming weekend because I feel it will be very entertaining and a very unique concert," said Elinski.

The RX Bandits are a punk rock band with pop and even some reggae undertones. The group comprised of vocalist/guitarist Matt Embree, bassist Joe Troy, drummer Chris Tsagakis, keyboardist Steve Choi, trombonist Chris Sheets and saxophonist Steve Borth has released four albums: "Halfway Between Here and There," "Progress," "The Resignation," and "... And the

# Comical cops lose flare

ESTELLE PATRICK  
STAFF WRITER

Daisy Dukes, wild chickens, a motorcycle crash and missed gunshots all in the first few minutes. For anyone who is a fan of the popular show Reno 911! on Comedy Central, this is not unusual. Reno's finest from the Washoe County Sheriffs Department consist of officers Wiegel (Kerry Kenney-Silver), Williams (Niecy Nash), Johnson (Wendi McLendon-Covey), Travis (Robert Ben Garant), Garcia (Carlos Alazraqui), Jones (Cedric Yarbrough) and Lt. Dangle (Thomas Lennon), in his trademark shorts which according to him allow him to move like a crime fighting cheetah. The team is known on the show for their inappropriate behavior and hilarious mishaps as opposed to their police skills.

The movie starts by depicting Reno's finest as super cops which in itself is crazy but turns out to only be a dream. To hear the words Reno and super cops in the same sentence, one could only assume that someone was telling a joke because the words are like oil and water, they do not mix. However, back in reality, the officers are at the station for their morning briefing when Lt. Dangle announces that the team has been invited to the national law enforcement convention down in Miami, Fla.

Fortunately for the Reno detectives but unfortunately for the innocent citizens of Miami,



COURTESY Glenn Watson

**MEOW ON THREE!** They're no Super Troopers. The cast of Reno 911! makes its film debut but is unable to arrest the audience.

a bio-terrorist attack causes all of the officers to be quarantined in the convention center except for, you guessed it, Reno's finest and a real super cop played by former WWE champion the Rock, who lived for as long as it took me to write this sentence. His death once again left the task of finding the antidote needed to save all the other cops while maintaining order in the streets of Miami up to the Reno cops.

While the team has their hands full protecting the streets, being true to themselves they still manage to get caught up in some pretty sticky situations and the documentary film crew from the show is on hand to record every faux pas. Jones and Garcia continuously find themselves being kidnapped by an Al Pacino-wannabe gangster (Paul Rudd) with a bad accent

while Officer Johnson tries to figure out the identity of the man she fell in love with and the face she got tattooed on her chest while she drunk. Being the fun bunch that they are, they still make time to play with beached whales, alligators in swimming pools and run into old friends from the show, (rollerblading Terri anyone?) Oh, let's not forget the lives of more than 2,000 cops rest in their hilariously incompetent hands.

The movie consists of several sketches with a plot thrown in the mix. Simply put, the team's big movie debut was a flop; it was definitely not funny enough. So, as long as they are never in charge of my personal welfare and agree to never make another movie, it is possible to continue to be a loyal fan of the show.

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## Sasquatch

www.hob.com/sasquatch  
Date: TBA, est. May 26 - 27, 2007  
Place: The Gorge Amphitheater, George, Wash.

**The Deal:** Does this Pacific Northwest festival have what it takes to compete with other festival greats such as 'Roo and Coachella? Sasquatch fans say yes, but they are voicing their discontent with this year's line up.

**Big Names:** Björk, Beastie Boys, Manu Chao

**Cost:** \$55 per day (includes charity donation)

## Lollapalooza

www.lollapalooza.com  
Date: August 3-5, 2007  
Place: Chicago, Ill.

**The Deal:** An eclectic mix set in the middle of a fantastic city overlooking Lake Michigan. Does it get any better?

**Big Names:** Red Hot Chili Peppers, Death Cab for Cutie, The Flaming Lips, Kanye West, Wilco

**Cost:** Last year approximately \$175

## Snoe Down

www.snoedown.com  
Date: March 23-25  
Place: Olympic Center, Lake Placid, N.Y.

**The Deal:** Where can you jam, ski and compete in the "Winter Games?" In the Adirondack Mountains, that's where!

**Big Names:** moe, The Disco Biscuits, The Slip

**Cost:** Weekend Cost: \$81.00, Single Day Cost: \$52.00 (both include a charity donation).

## Summerfest

www.summerfest.com  
Date: June 28 - July 8, 2007  
Place: Milwaukee, Wis.

**The Deal:** You haven't heard of Summerfest? It's only got about 35 years and four days on the other guys! The 40th annual, week long music fest caters to every musical palette.

**Big Names:** Tom Petty, Pearl Jam, Alan Jackson

**Cost:** \$10/\$15 daily, 2 day passes \$23

## Mountain Jam

www.mountainjamfest.com  
Date: June 1-3, 2007  
Place: Hunter Mountain, N.Y.

**The Deal:** Held in a natural amphitheater, there's never a bad seat in the house with this festival! Get road trippin' this summer and check it out!

**Big Names:** Robert Randolph, Umphrey's McGee

**Cost:** \$99.00 - \$115.00

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## Coachella

www.coachella.com  
Date: April 27-29, 2007  
Place: Empire Polo Fields, Indio, Calif.

**The Deal:** It's a little known fact that Coachella is not only THE festival of the west coast, but has a history of re-uniting bands, is set in the oasis of Palm Desert, and just rocks.

**Big Names:** Red Hot Chili Peppers, Willie Nelson, The Black Keys

**Cost:** \$250, or \$85 for the day.

## Bonnaroo

www.bonnaroo.com  
Date: June 14 - 17, 2007  
Place: Manchester, Tenn.

**The Deal:** Have you experienced the roo? Bonnaroo is Cajun slang for "a really good time" - and completely lives up to its word.

**Big Names:** The Police, Tool, Widespread Panic, Ben Harper, Keller Williams

**Cost:** \$184.50 - \$214.50

## Langerado

www.langerado.com  
Date: March 9-11, 2007  
Place: Markham Park, Sunrise, Fla.

**The Deal:** Now in its 5th year, Langerado has expanded its inaugural one-day, 3,500 attendee festival to a three-day, 15,000 fan event. Catching the music, the friends, and the 'sunrise' are definitely worth it.

**Big Names:** Widespread Panic, My Morning Jacket, O.A.R., Matisyahu, moe

**Cost:** \$125 - \$135

## Austin City Limits

www.aclfest.com  
Date: Sept. 14-16, 2007  
Place: Zilker Park, Austin, Texas

**The Deal:** ACL started in 1976 as a music program for PBS airing folk, jazz, bluegrass, indie - you name it! Thirty years later, ACL is still kickin' in the Live Music Capital of the World.

**Big Names:** Van Morrison, Tom Petty, G. Love

**Cost:** TBA, est. \$90 for the day.

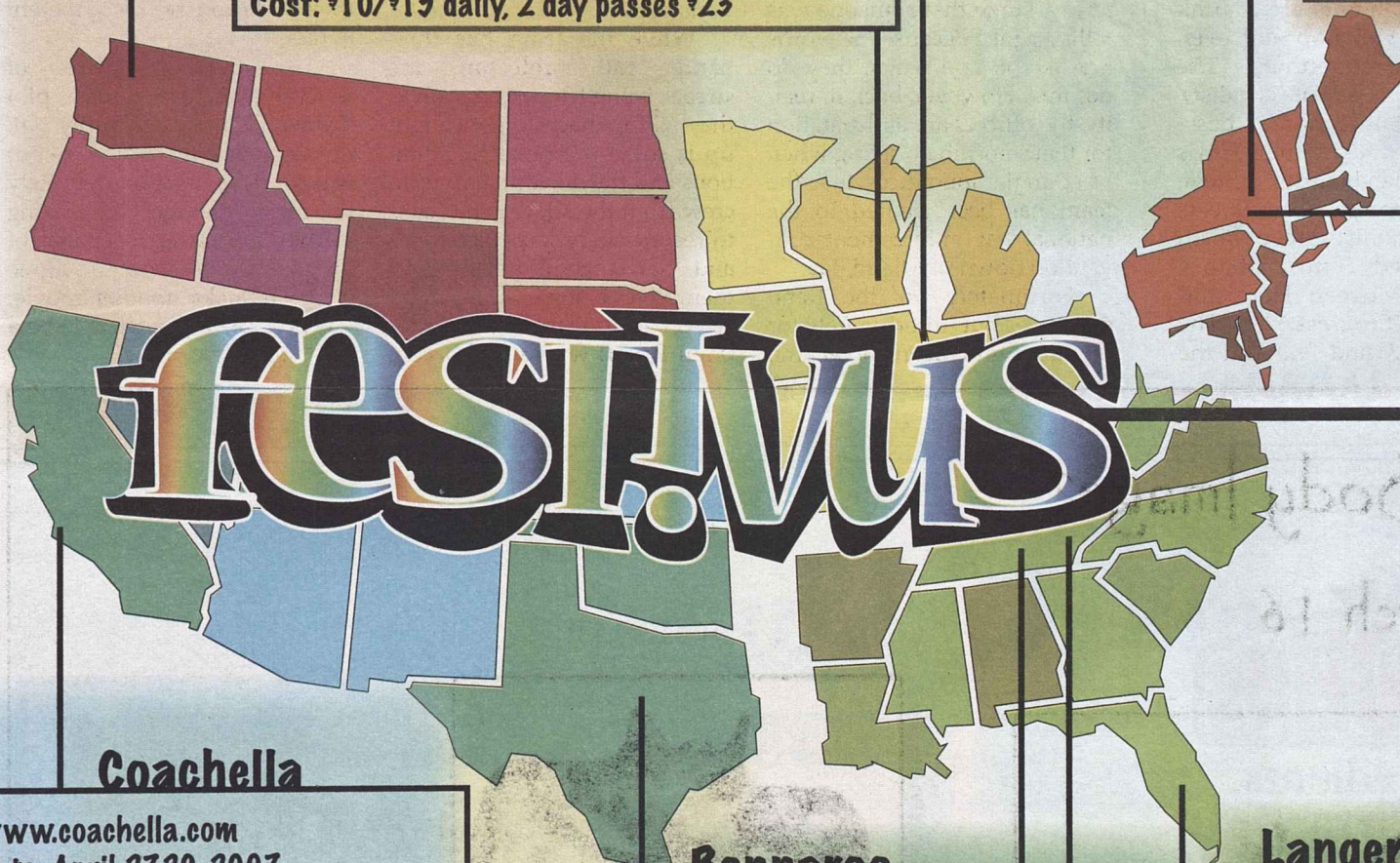
## Rites of Spring

www.ritesofspring.com  
Date: April 20-21, 2007  
Place: Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.

**The Deal:** Ridiculous lineup. Plus, Nashville is only four hours away. Hot damn!

**Big Names:** The Roots, Wolfmother, Rocco Deluca & the Burden

**Cost:** Tickets are \$25 a day and \$40 for an all-weekend pass.





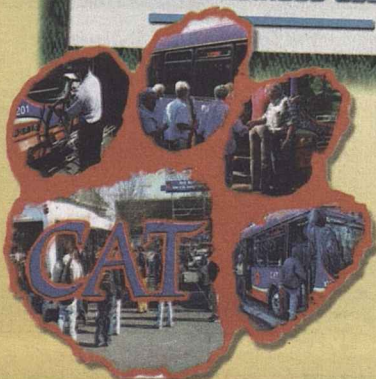
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